Storm over 'crooked councillors' attack in Clay Cross debate

Conservatives yesterday launched Anthony Kershaw, Tory MP for crooked, I call them criminal instead." tter Commons attack on the Stroud, referred to "Bills of Mr Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for rnment's proposal to remove Indemnity" apparently being brought Bolsover, whose brother was a former alifications against local council- in "for crocked councillors". To Clay Cross councillor, challenged Mr who refused to implement the Labour protests, he retored: "If it is Kershaw to repeat his words outside ing Finance Act, 1972. Mr thought undesibale to call them the House.

New attempt to repay unions £10m

rge Clark 1 Correspondent first shots were fired in mmons yesterday in the lentary battle that is sing over the Governdecision to remove the

ification imposed on councillors who refused y out the Housing Finct. 1972, and to prevent surcharges from being on individuals.

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lay that the Government cillors. by the last Parliament by ing £10m tax payments ed by trade unions that d to register under the rial Relations Act. When bour Government tried to it earlier in the year, the ons rejected the proposal. Prime Minister indicated day that the Government tives of a local authority in the ow try again by using a United Kingdom.

provision in the Finance Bill which will be introduced later this month to embody next Tuesday's Budget proposals.

From the House of Lords yesterday came ominous reports that the Conservative peers and others will seek to throw out the Government's Bill to give relief to the Labour councillors. It now seems certain that there will be a constitutional clash ben individuals. tween the Labour Government main objection put by in the Commons and the Convative speakers was that servative-dominated Lords.

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There was uproar in the Commons when Mr Anthony Kershaw, Conservative MP for Stroud, said that there was anxiety in all parts of the councillors who commit duct.

Wilson also indicated lay that the Government appeared to be about to bring in for "crooked" councillors.

That brought a storm of protests and shouted abuse from
the Labour benches, and Mr
John Mendelson, Labour MP for
Penistone, asked angrily
whether it was in order, under
the protection of the privileges
of the House, to make an
accusation of criminal culpahility against elected representability against elected representa-

Mr Dennis Skinner, Labour Mr Kershaw referred to the MP for Bolsover, whose brother Prime Minister's earlier referwas leader of the Labour counence to the £10m tax refund to cillors at Clay Cross, challenged Mr Kershaw to say the same thing outside the House. Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the Speaker, said he much regretted such an imputation against any bodies inside or outside the House but

What Mr Kershaw had said was not out of order. Mr Kershaw, who remained defiant

his jurisdiction was in the House

shaw, who remained defiant throughout the episode, retorted grim!. "If it is thought undesirable to call them crooked, I call them criminal instead."

That led to more protests from Labour, and Mr Neill Kinnock, Labour MP for Bedwellty, objected to an accusation that some of his constituents who were councillors, and who included justices of the peace, were guilty of a crime when they were not. He asked whether there was any rule whether there was any rule about what MPs could call people who were not guilty of

any crime.

The Speaker appealed for calm but did not revise his the affairs of a council in a earlier ruling. It was obvious manner not sanctioned by law. that the Conservatives were not. In the case of the Clay Cross willing to let the matter drop. councillors the district auditor,

the unions and said that a grave situation had arisen, constitu-tionally and legally, which the House would want to debate. political purposes.

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Earlier Sir Paul Bryan, Conservative. MP for Howden, had referred to legal advice given to the Government by Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, the Attorney General, against any reprieve for the Clay Cross councillors. [This was the subject of an article by Bernard Levin in The Times on Wednesday.]

Mr Short, Leader of the House, angrily replied: "It will be a sorry day for Parliament

be a sorry day for Parliament when we allow Mr Bernard Levin to determine our proceed-ings." So far 106 Conservative backbenchers have signed a Commons motion condemning the move to absolve the Labour councillors.

Mr Ian Percival, QC, Conservative MP for Southport, said last night: "This disqualification is the ordinary penalty for a councillor who is surcharged for £500 or more for conducting

reasons for imposing the sur-charge, said that the councillors deliberately flouted the law for

"It is about as bad a case as one can envisage and it is the last kind of case in which one would consider relieving anyone from the ordinary penalty."

Mr Percival said it led him to the conclusion that the Labour Government would not have dreamt of setting aside the Local Government Act were it not for the pressures from the Labour Party and the decision of the party's national executive behind them. The Liberals, who had been critical of the Govern ment's move, have not decided whether to oppose the Indemnity Bill as a whole; they will probably propose amendments. probably propose amendments.

A Staff Reporter writes: Mr
David Skinner, one of the Clay
Cross councillors who has been
surcharged and disqualified,
said yesterday: "If anyone calls
me a crook, let him say it out
side Westminster and they will
have to have a by-election in his have to have a by-election in his

Clay Cross response, page3

New blows for Republicans at state level

The Democrats' victory in the United States dug deeper as the results of state legislature elections came in. The Republicans were left with control in only five of the 50 states, compared with 16 after the 1972 elections. It was their worst performance since 1938.

Senate results were still being awaited in North Dakota, Oklahoma and New Hampshire, where there were recounts. There was another close race for the governorship of Alaska, where the counts rom far-flung villages were still to come in.

Sir Alec will return to the Lords as a life peer

Sir Alec Douglas-Home is to return to the House of Lords as a life peer, 11 years after renouncing his hereditary peerage as the Earl of Home when he became Prime Minister. Sir Alec said last night that he had accepted Mr Wilson's invitation to become a life peer because "I was pretty clear that I could go on being useful for a

Doctors' ultimatum

An uneasy truce in which hospital consultants have given the Government three weeks to change their proposed new contract so that it gives them more independence was reached in three-hour talks between the profession and Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, yesterday. Page 2 Services, yesterday.

Features, pages 12, 16 Henry Stanhope says there is still the will to blow the lid off Ulster; Jo Beresford suggests that the United States is happy to be forced into detente with Cuba. Page 16 into detente with Cuba. Page 16
Watership Down: Richard Adams on the difficulty of following a best seller. Page 15
Diary: How much of the truth about a news story do the newspapers print? Page 16
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Mr Eric Linklater; Mr John Farrar.

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rrom Frank Vog

Washington, Nov 7

today.

US Economics Correspondent

President Ford nominated Mr

Andrew Gibson to become head

usual background checks made,

the White House admitted

This error could well start a

new and damaging controversy over the President's judgment

in personnel matters, as Mr

Gibson is still receiving cash

payments from the oil company he left last May.

White House spokesman, stated

Mr Ron Nessen, the chief

Arts, page 13
David Robinson reviews Bill Douglas's two films about his childhood, and John Higgins the new non-romantic treatment of Tales of Hoffmann at the Paris Opéra.

Leader page 17 Letters: On the shortage of British doctors in the NHS, from the National Association of

Four die in London blast

Four people were killed and a number injured when a bomb exploded last night in the King's Arms public house near Woolwich Barracks, south London. The casualties were taken to Brook General Hoppital Shooter's Hill Hospital, Shooter's Hill.

Power station hit

One of Britain's newest and most efficient power stations is not operating at peak capacity because of a severe shortage of railway wagons. Aberthaw B station near Cardiff has been hit by coal deliveries being restricted because of the sudden revival of coal's fortunes in the wake of the oil crisis, and the resulting increased demand for specialized rolling stock.

However, electricity supply chiefs are still optimistic of surviving the winter without power cuts in view of their performance during the coldest October in half a century.

Science: Development of method for screening large populations for genetic

Crime rate: Professor says judicial system may break down if wrong approach is taken to youth and violence

Price-fix warning: The Government would not hesitate to back voluntary price-cutting in shops with statutory powers if necessary, retailers were told yesterday

Watergate: The trial judge is to consider taking Mr Nixon's evidence on film in

Greece: The question of whether King Constantine should return as monarch becomes an election issue 8

Moscow: China calls for non-aggression treaty in conciliatory message sent to Russia on anniversary of revolution 9

Derbyshire: Two-page Special Report giving a portrait of the county and the tasks facing it today.

Clinical Tutors; on upholding the rule of law, from the President of the Law Society. Leading articles: Peking and Moscow; Foreign doctors in the NHS; South Africa.
Business News, pages 19-27
Stock market: Rumours of an impending rights

issue from a major company helped unsettle equities yesterday. The FT ordinary share index ended 4.2 down at 191.3. Pages 24, 27 Financial Editor: Boots' profits under pressure; Hoover's poor third quarter; muted optimism at Debenhauster's grape 21 Eusiness features: Industry's case for a relaxa-tion of price controls, by Tim Congdon; Adrienne Gleeson on the thinking behind the bid for FMC. Page 21

Business Diary: Pre-packed meals—the answer to building workers' health problems? Jensen sales drive in Japan. Page 21

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of the Federal Energy Admini- lenge The New York Times

stration without having had the report today asserting that Mr

Mr Ford's error on energy post

at the usual checks had nor

been made because the Presi-

dent wanted urgently to replace

Mr John Sawhill as head of the

energy agency.

The spokesman did not chal-

Gibson received a severance contract from the Interstate Oil Company of Philadelphia guaranteeing him \$100,000 (over

Mr Nessen said the President

was not withdrawing his nomination of Mr Gibson. How-

ever, in a comment that indicates that the President was

backing away from this appoint-

ment, he noted that it was up to Congress alone to determine

£40,000) a year for 10 years.

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witether Mr Gibson shoul

come the new chief of the

The New York Times report

will be seized upon by many in Congress who have been highly critical in the past of White

House energy policies, and who

have suggested that the White House is just too close to the oil

companies to support tough

legislation to improve the

control of the American oil

industry. Mr Sawhill was dismissed by

the President for advocating

openly much tougher oil con-

servation measures. The Presi-

dent has repeatedly stated his

hope that oil conservation can be achieved by voluntary action.

sue of cheap beef

kens to enable 8,500,000 old ensioners and other needy le to get 40p worth of beef cue operation today and not ilf-price through the winter next month or next spring, Mr 30 out to post offices within Peart said his ministry was onth. Mr Peart, Minister of carrying out an investigation of culture, said yesterday. fodder stocks and that he would lost pensioners will be able be making a statement as soon

he week beginning Novem-25, and the scheme will into force on December he said in a Commons in reply. The issue of s will be for an 18-week up to the end of March tokens, valued at 20p can be used for beef and provided at least another spent on them. About 40

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men from the Ministry of ulture and Fisheries came Commons yesterday with ported intention of clearover sugar shortages and urpluses. But at the end of nutes of intense and angry ioning from all parts of the g from all parts of the Asked to consider rationing, seemed clear that Mr Gavin Strang, the Parlia-Mr Peart did not underwhat was going on or that wand was unable to come th any solutions to the beef and sugar

Minister of Agriculture, I his likable qualities, has been at his best when rehas seldom been before. He his colleagues burbled on the new "beef regime" the new "beef regime" might come some time if Brussels negotiations were

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is to run to a second ballot declarations last night of

e present chairman, Mr Ian ardo, a member of the left-

Tribune group, failed to

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cornered contest, and the

te is now between him and

ledwyn Hughes, the right-nominee. This third candi-

in the first ballot was Mr

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Urwin.

As MPs angrily told him that carrying out an investigation of fodder stocks and that he would

llect them at the post office as possible. There was a gasp of astonishment as he suggested that beef farmers, far from complaining, ought to be deeply grateful to him and the Government for all the aid they had received since last March: £150m in total.

The minister, just before going down for the third time, tried desperately to swing the blame on to the last Conservaint of the estimated £30m tive government. Ignoring all tost of the scheme will be the past pleas by governments rom EEC funds. of both complexions for

> claimed that one of the reasons for the present low price of fat cattle was the heavy marketing.
> It was the Conservatives, he added, who had asked producers to go into beef and out of dairy farming. Mr Nicholas Ridley, from the Tory benches wondered why, if it was possible to ban exports of British cattle to the Courinent without breaching Community regula-tions, it should be so impossible to ban imports of Irish cattle

into Britain. Mr Edward Bishop, Minister of State, who was in the firing line at the time, looked so unhappy at that and so incapable of finding an answer of any kind that some MPs laughed in sym-

ver of £3m.

Parliamentary Correspon Mr Pearr and his colleagues
writes: Mr Pearr and his fared little better over sugar. The burden of the Government's Commons yesterday with ported intention of clear all the uncertainties and over sugar shortages and over sugar shortages and sugar coming into distribution over the past few months was

mentary Secretary, said that would be a drastic and expensive step and could be appropriate only where there was a serious and prolonged shortage.

Two arrests: Scuffies broke out the step and serious and prolonged shortage. at Birkenhead last might when farmers protested against the landing of Irish cattle (the Press Association reports). Two ing uncertainties. Yester Press Association reports). Two he was out of his depth as farmers were arrested and bailed to appear on charges of conduct likely to cause a breach

Patience wears thin, page 2 Parliamentary report, page 6

Bolivian dictator

La Paz, Nov 7.—President Banzer marched into the city of Santa Cruz today with a force

of parachute troops and recaptured it from rebel Army forces

who had revolted against the

Government, the national radio

The President flew to the city of Cochabamba, in the Andes near Santa Cruz, 540 miles

south-east of La Paz, picked up

the force and flew them to the rebel city, the radio said.

The Government reported

earlier that the attempted coup

was crushed. It declared a state

of siege to give it broad powers, which include allowing the Government to apply the death

penalty to rebels, stop strikes,

Quito, Nov 7.—A bomb ex-ploded in the Bolivian Embassy

here today, near the legislative

palace where foreign ministers

of the Organization of American

States will meet tomorrow to discuss ending the economic blockade of Cuba.—UPI.

and make mass arrests.

leads troops

against rebels

Mrs Thatcher to help shadow Chancellor in Tory reshuffle

By George Clark Political Correspondent

After much delay, Mr Heath last night produced a surpris-ingly small list of Shadow Cabinet changes and immediately revived speculation about his future as Leader of the Conservative Party. It is clear that in spire of his efforts to do so, the Leader of the Opposition has been unable to broaden the base of his Shadow Cabinet or

to win over his critics.

The reclection of all the retiring members of the 1922 Committee executive, after all the criticisms levelled at them and their chairman, Mr Edward du Cann, by Mr Heath's sup-porters, must be taken as a clear warning that the question of changing the system for electing and confirming in office the party leader is now considered to be a matter of great importance by the broad

base of the party.
The Shadow Cabinet changes: Mrs Margaret Thatcher, form-erly shadow Minister for the Environment and Housing, is to become number two to Mr Robert Carr, the shadow Chan-cellor, with special responsi-bility for financial legislation and public expenditure.

Mr Geoffrey Rippon who, in the last Conservative government, was responsible for negotiating the terms of entry into the European Economic Community, succeeds Sir Alec Douglas-Home as shadow Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. His appointment is a recognition of the importance of having a strong spokesman in the Commons to face Mr Cal-

laghan Mr Paul Channon, formerly shadow Minister for Consumer Affairs, is to take over the en-vironment portfolio from Mrs. Thatcher with the exception of housing, which will now be the special responsibility of Mr. Nicholas Scott, MP for Kensing-ton and Cheisea. Mr. Timothy. Raison, MP for Aylesbury, assumes responsibility for con-sumers affairs and prices.

sumer affairs and prices. Mr Norman St John-Stevas, who has led for the Opposition on education, has been asked to assume responsibility also for the arts.

One reason given last night for the delay in issuing the list was that Mr Heath had found t difficult to make contact with MPs involved. In view of the remarkable brevity of the list, that seemed an unconvincing explanation. What is more, some Conservative MPs were baffled by Mr Heath's inability to name the second rank of frontbench spokesmen, where more than 18



Mrs Thatcher, who is to assist Mr Carr in Treasury and economic affairs in the Shadow Cabinet, eating her packed funch at the Institute of Directors' annual conference yesterday. Conference reports, pages 19 and 22.

the last Parliament by leaving them in suspense and telling them that in future he will bring backbenchers on to the front bench on an ad hoc basis according to the subject being debated. That has left many aspiring MPs in a state of un-certainty and confusion.

The full-list of the Shadow Cabinet, which is increased in size from 21 to 22, is as follows: jobs are at his disposal.

In normal circumstances there would be great competition among backbenchers to be chosen for one of these posts as the first rung on the ladder

Mr Heath, leader of the party: the challenge of Sir John Eden and Mr Cranley Onslow. The treasurer, Mr Godman Irvine. Raison, consumer affairs: Mr P. Walker, defence: Mr St John Stevas, education and the arts: Sir Geoffrey Howe's call, page 4

to ministerial office. But on this occasion Mr Heath has said that he will not be able to complete these appointments until next Monday at the earliest.

Mr Heath has apparently antagonized many of the secondrank spokesmen who served him well on the front bench in the last Parliament by leaving Mrs Thatcher, Imancial artairs and
public expenditure; Mr P.
Thomas, Wales: Lord Carriogton,
leader of the Opposition peers:
Mr Whitelaw, chairman of the
party (devolution); and Lord
Railsham of St Marylebone,
shadow minister without specific
duties

duties. In the 1922 committee election the two vice-chairmen, Sir John Hall and Mr Charles Morrison, successfully resisted the challenge of Sir John Eden

Booby-trap blast kills two more soldiers From Christopher Walker

The Provisional IRA intensified its retaliation campaign against the British Army yesterday when a booby-trapped land mine exploded near an electricity transformer in co Tyrone, killing two soldiers and injuring seven members of the security

Intelligence experts had been fearing a vicious response from the IRA after the shooting of Hugh Coney, the republican who was part of a mass breakout attempt from the Maze prison at Long Kesh earlier in the

Last night the Provisionals claimed responsibility for the latest revenge killing, which occurred near the village of Stewartstown, a few miles from Mr Coney's home town of Coalisland.

The land mine exploded as the soldiers were patrolling an area close to where workmen were repairing damage caused by an explosion at the transformer late on Wednesday. Whitelaw warning, page 2

Ulster security, page 16

Still the greatest French impressionist...ever



Sponsors stop supporting tennis and golf y a Staff Reporter the game next year; W. D. & spending on projects of this expect to save more than Sponsorship of sport suffered H. O. Wills will decide by the kind. E40,000 on tennis. They will

jumping, and with the Viyella-Carrington group withdrawing their support of the Profes-

viewing their position in relation to sport, particularly in Mr John King, special events to golf, amateur football or any view of the nation's economic director of Rothmans, said to golf, amateur football or any other sport with which they are stroubles. Green Shield Trading Our real problem is that we associated.

body blows vesterday with Roth- end of this month their future mans of Pall Mall deciding to in sport; and Benson and their commitments to show golf championship.
jumping, and with the Viyella- Motor racing, which has

already lost the patronage of Rothmans, may have some spon-

out of senior tennis within the duty slapped on us in April in Britain, providing some and of a three-year company, next few weeks; Dewar, the and this has to be balanced. [100,000 in prizes, Rothmans from Benson and Hedges for whisky firm, are to reassess I think that a lot of companies saved a similar amount by pull-Hockey Association tournather financial involvement in will now be reassessing their ing out of motor racing. They ments.

Budget may give some help, but ler tournaments. pull out of two major tennis Hedges are known to be dis- with industry facing a grave tournaments and to reconsider enchanted with their matchplay situation it is not surprising that companies are beginning to cut The casualties of Rothmans's

withdrawal are the British hard sional Golfers' Association sored teams missing from its championship.

Other companies will be re
"Like a lot of companies, we event. The firm have no imme-

"We all hope that next week's continue to support their smal

Mr king said that their interest in show jumping, with prize money reaching £85,000 this year, is to be reevaluated. Their £45,000 staked in golf remains unchanged, as does their 150,000 in the Isthmian Football Leagne.

Two brighter notes were struck yesterday with the announcements of financial help for Scottish yachting from the Tomatin Distillers Company, from Benson and Hedges for

Worth Performes Ltd., the Thame, Resolvention WastRtb. Tell strong and

Medical Reporter

An uneasy truce in which hospital consultants have given the Government three weeks to change their proposed contract so that it gives them more inde-pendence was reached yester-day between Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, and the profession.

Mrs Castle said after the three-hour meeting that her policy had never included the abolition of private practice or the imposition of a state monopoly in the hospital service.

confirmed to the profession that it has never been and is not the Government's intertion to impose a full-time salaried service in the hospital service", she said. "But clearly the Government believes that the consultants' contract for full-time service should be renegotiated in a way to make whole time service more attrac-

tive than it is now."

The Government wished to move towards a full-time service on a voluntary basis, she said. The Owen committee (which is discussing the issue) would be prepared to listen to any points and it was hoped that the discussions could completed by the end of this month. Mrs Castle said that phasing out of pay beds would be included in the discussions.

industrial The unofficial action taken by some consul-tants was, she thought, the result of widespread misunder-standing resulting from talk

about a state monopoly; and the imposition of a salaried

Making it clear that it was their own statement and not Making it clear that it a joint one with the Department of Health, Dr Derek Stevenson, secretary of the British Medical Association. British Medical Association, said that, subject to the approval of the Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services and the council of Hospital Con-sultants and Specialist Association, meeting at the weekend, the profession would continue discussions " to test how far the government side is prepared to meet the profession's often-stated point of view".

He added that unless agree ment was reached in principle by the end of the month they had made clear to Mrs Castle that they reserved the right to advise the profession about future action.

The profession had been uneasy for some time about the deliberations of the working party, he said, and were even more worried about the latest proposals.

Dr Clifford Astley, chairman of the medical services commit-tee, said he would ask the com-mittee on Saturday not to endorse industrial action while talks are in progress. Mrs Castle had asked them to call off guer-rilla action and they had agreed

that that ought to be done. Mr Terence Beatson, chairman of the consultants' association, said the whole issue was one on which the two associa-

Opera house closes for duration of dispute

There are to be no further performances by the English National Opera Company at the London Coliseum until a settle-ment has been reached in the dispute with stage and technical staff who belong to the National Association of Theatrical and Kine Employees.

The dispute started when 46 of the stage staff were dismissed on Tuesday over the abandonment of a performance of The Bassarids on the previous Thurs-The rest of th estaff has since been on strike.

People who telephoned to the theatre heard a recorded message telling them that bookings for later performances and for the Christmas production of Peter Pan are being taken as usual. So far three performances have been cancelled

Radio staff dismissed: Mr John Whimey, managing director of Capital Radio, whose financial situation has led to the decision to dismiss 28 of the staff, said yesterday that discussions had

close its news operation, and that service would then come by direct land line from London Broadcasting, the news station, for which Capital pays £98,000

A spokesman for the Association of Cinematograph, Tele-vision and Allied Technicians said union members decided at a meeting yesterday not to accept redundancies, or programme changes without full agreement with the union.

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New step in screening for genetic disorders

By Pearce Wright

Science Correspondent An important stride in the development of a method for screening large populations for a wide range of genetic disorders has been made by a special unit of the Medical Research Council.

It carries vital implications

for genetic counselling of parents at risk of having disabled children and for early diagnosis of antenatal defects; for monitoring for diseases. including some cancers, induced by damage to cells by pollution from heavy metals such as lead and cadmium or radioactive fall-out and exposure to X-rays; for detecting infertility origina ring in a genetic abnormality, and other conditions.

The advance embraces the results of research from teams involving about 150 doctors, scientists and technicians at the council's clinical and popula tion cytogenetics unit, Edin-burgh, in collaboration with the Department of Human Genetics, Edinburgh University. Methods for fingerprinting the pattern of chromosomes, and the genes they carry, within cells are among the discoveries that have been absorbed by one of the groups working on a so-called automated pattern recognition

In principle it consists of computer - controlled electron microscope that makes an analysis of a tiny speck of blood or skin to extract the informa-tion needed to decide whether an abnormality exists. This process of chromosomal analysis is a long and painstaking job, Developments of a fast pro-cedure for routine diagnosis might transform a part of medi-cine in which difficulties are increasing.

The research centre, which is one of the leading genetic research groups in the world, was established originally to assess ance of abnormalities initiated by damage of the chromosomes, Research was extended into many other aspects of chromo-somes in influencing health and

A major part of ill health is attributed, either directly or indirectly, to the consequence of genetic make-up and of inherited or otherwise acquired abnormalities



Mr John Henson at the plough pulled by oxen on his farm near Guiting Power, Gloucestershire.

Demonstrations against the import of Irish cattle may deteriorate into greater disruption and violence unless the Government acts soon

Patience wears thin for protesting Welsh farmers

From Trevor Fishlock Holyhead

There is still enough good humour, common sense and respect for the law among Welsh farmers to prevent their anger from being translated into really large-scale disruption and violence. But as winter's grip hardens, their patience wears thinner by the day.

"A lot of farmers are at the end of their tether", Mr George Beatson, a young Anglesey farmer, said yesterday, "and if Fred Peart carries on fiddling while Rome burns some of them will not be able to hold their anger down. They will lash out. The militant minority have so far been largely restrained by the moderate majority, and I count myself as a moderate.

"But some farmers are going to the wall. Their cattle food is running out and the hard weather is coming. They feel they have nothing to lose in doing something really drastic. They are bitter and angry men and understandably so. For them and the Government, time is running out.

Mr Beatson has been one of f farmers will demonstrations in Welsh hundreds of farmers who have supported Holyhead this week. "Welsh farmers are usually conservative men with a deep respect for the law and for convention", he said. "There must be some thing terribly wrong surely when men like us demonstrate in the streets."

This week Holyhead has rung we have to sell at a loss. The crisis in the livestock farming to the shours and cheers of harvest was terrible and hay is industry and suggesting three policemen guarding the docks, some were in the unruly crowd beaten back by policemen wielding truncheons, some took part in the blocking of the London to Holyhead railway line.

"I never imagined I would be out demonstrating on the street. I used to think 'demos' were something you saw on television. I reckon many farmers are really rather timid and shy men. Yet here they are confronting the police. blocking railways and even lying down on the line.

"But these are desperate times. I am up in the hills and I have not enough fodder to feed the cattle after Christmas. I shall have to have them slaughtered and tighten my belt until the spring.

"I do not like making a fuss, feel bad about keeping all those policemen from a warm bed. But making a scene is the only way I can work off my frustration and bring it home to those bunglers in Westminster that something must be done." Mr Peter Rogers, who farms

180 acres in Anglesey, said: "Anger has changed everything.
The Government urged us to get out of milk production and into beef. Then they messed it up. The market has collapsed, our guarantees have gone and

harvest was terrible and hay is up to £80 a ton, if you can get For many farmers there is the real prospect of bankruptcy.

"My father-in-law remembers farming in the depression. He says things are much worse for us now. I want Irish farmers to One of the farmers who understand that we have took part in the demonstrations nothing against them. But we are victims of colossal mismanagement and we have to find some way of hitting back." Although Welsh farmers,

apart from routine grumbles have a long tradition of being quiet men, there are historical precedents for direct action. In the last century the tithe wars caused trouble in the countryside and in the 1840s the Rebecca rioters, farmers guised as women and calling themselves the Daughters of Rebecca, tore down tollgates in their rage at social and econo-mic conditions.

"Something must be done", a farmer said with great em-phasis. "And if action is not taken soon to help us I can see that a few men will take matters into their own hands and do something that even they might later regret. We are peace-lov-ing men. But this situation is deperately serious."

Our Political Staff writes: Mr Emlyn Hooson, QC, Liberal spokesman on agriculture, has written to the Prime Minister asking him to intervene effec-tively and decisively to end the industry and suggesting three possible solutions. The first would be the intro-

duction on a temporary basis of the EEC intervention price

The second possibility would be the introduction, again on a temporary basis, of a guaranteed price system. That would operate until March 1, when Mr Hooson hoped agreement would be reached with the EEC

on a new system.

The third solution would be the addition of a supplement to the slaughter premium, in order that the overall level of returns to producers should achieve percentage parity with the remaining members of the EEC".

Police watch: More than a hundred uniformed policemen were on duty at Birkenhead yesterday when 500 farmers from all parts of north-west England and North Wales England demonstrated against imports of Irish cattle (The Press Association reports.)

Meat imports from the Irish Republic have been banned at Swansea, and a decision is expected today on a similar move at Barry docks, in South

Carmarthenshire farmers sent a letter to the Prime Minister yesterday criticizing ministers who opposed their demonstrations but had supported protests by miners and power workers

Sir Alec will return to Lords as a life peer

Sir Alec Douglas-Home is return to the House of Lo as a life peer after renound his hereditary peerage when became Prime Minister October, 1963.

The announcement of his peerage was made from Downing Street last night barony has been confer upon him in recognition of many years of outstan public service as a membe both Houses of Parliament minister and as

Minister.
Although it has been t tional to offer an earldon a former Prime Minister, he ceases to be a member o House of Commons, that w not be possible in the cas Sir Alec. The Peerage 1963, precludes the subseq conferment of a hereditary age upon anybody who has claimed inherited titles u

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Home. He disclaimed at titles and contested the by tion at Kinross on Novem As Lord Home he had Secretary of State for Fo Affairs from July, 1960, Lord President of the Co and leader of the Hous Lords from 1957. He was 5 tary of State for Commons Relations from 1955 to 19 As Lord Dunglass, he MP for South Lanark from to 1945, when he succeed the earldom. Sir Alec was F mentary Secretary to Mr N Chamberlain, 1935-40, Under-Secretary at the Fo Office in the 1945 caretake ernment. He was Minist State at the Scottish O

A Staff Reporter writes Alec Douglas-Home expl last night that he had de to accept the Prime Mini invitation to become a life because "I was pretty clear I could go on being usefu

time Speaking in his flat in sington, Sir Alec said: thought it was a bit early i myself off entirely from tics. Situations are comir in the next year or two th bound to interest me a situations like the devolut power to Scotland and the tion of Britain's place in E Broadly speaking, the rea that I may be able to myself useful by remaining the political scene, though of course, as actively as i

Sir Alec has not yet de what title to take, and in to talk the matter over the Lyon King of Arms chief berald in Scotland. Sir Alec agreed that wheel had come full c "But not just for me. I I succeeded to the original in 1951, Scottish nation was rampant, and my appointment as Minister of at the Scottish Office w deal with it. Now here taking a ritle again, and tish nationalism is ran again."

Double murder char

murdering his mother. Georgina Turner, aged 45, sister, Karen, aged 18, was mitted in custody until Tuesday by magistrates at I Northumberland, yesterday

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about three months.

Snatched baby found in lift at hotel

Lara Devlin, aged nine months, who was snatched from outside a London post office yesterday, was later found un-harmed in a lift at the Great City of London. The girl, of The Warren, Stratford, London, who was taken away at Forest Gate, was later reunited with her

The police believe that the abductor pushed her in her per-ambulator from Romford Road, Forest Gate, a few hundred yards to Manor Park station before abandoning the perambulator and catching a train to Liverpool Street.

Detectives were trying to trace a boy aged between 10 and 12 with shoulder-length hair and wearing a blue anorak and flared jeans who was seen near the post office. They also think that a girl aged about 12 is re-sponsible for taking two babies in east London recently.

Mr Whitelaw says that Ulster civil war would drag in British cities British cities would be drag- Provisional IRA for the death ged in if full-scale civil war of Mr Hugh Coney, who was ever broke out in Northern killed this week during a mass Ireland, Mr Whitelaw, the Con-breakout from the Maze prison

Ireland, Mr Whitelaw, the Con-servative Party chairman, said (Christopher Walker writes yesterday.

Mr Whitelaw, formerly Sec. retary of State for Ulster, said withdrawal of British troops from the province would "considerable moral disbecause of the loss of life it would cause.

He said: "Anyone imagines you could have a major conflict in Northern Ire-land without its spreading to

Glasgow and Liverpool is living in a fool's paradise."

Speaking to the Foreign Press Association at a lunch in London, he said that a separate Northern Ireland would increase claims for independence in Scot-land and Wales.

Ulster alert: Security forces throughout Ulster were on full alert yesterday in case of fur-ther acts of retaliation by the

at the elaborate funeral planned for the dead man.

from Belfast).

In republican areas through-out Ulster, bitter and angry pro-tests against his death have continued. Many Catholics are convinced that he was unarmed when challenged and shot by soldiers in a guard hut just outside the Maze compound.

Some businesses have already closed, and closures on a wider scale are planned in Roman Catholic districts. In Belfast many bakers, factories, a brewery and shops in the republican areas will remain closed all day today. The planned strike will

loyalist groups Throughout yesterday, hostile crowds gathered in these areas

not be as crippling as those staged in the past by various

and many cars were hijacked. Security experts are only too aware that by tradition the full-Death notices say he was a lieutenant in A Company of the Provisionals' East Tyrone battalion. It is widely feared that there will be emotional reaction scale reaction to a controversial death such as that of Mr Coney does not take place until after the funeral.

Republicans have also been

angered by government state-ments that some detainees at the Maze were taken to hospital after disturbances that followed

the breakout.
Yesterday morning, Mr Mer-lin Rees, the Secretary of State, held a special meeting at Stor-mont to review the situation at the Maze with leading members of the Army and police. One question being urgently discus-sed is how a 65-yard tunnel came to be built without being discovered by the up-to-date sur-veillance equipment in use.

Keith Turner, aged 2 Windburgh Drive Cramlic Northumberland, accused

Mr Scargill rejects plea on pit productivity scheme

hamshire area, which had defied an executive recommendation and called on the mentation and called on the men to accept the deal, asked Mr Arthur Scargill, Marxist president of the Yorkshire area, to drop his opposition to the coal board's package on which the miners vote next week. His appeal was rejected out of hand. out of hand.

As the two area presidents were arguing the merits of the productivity scheme, leaders of the 6,000 members of the power group of the National Union of Mineworkers also decided to work against the executive recommendation to reject the NCB proposals and urged other miners to ignore urged other miners to ignore "politically motivated people".

Their decision coincided with a strong attack from Mr Wilfred Miron, a member of the National Coal Board, on left-wing members of the

In his appeal to the York-shire leader. Mr Clarke said: "I hope that on reflection even at the eleventh hour you will urge your members to vote for acceptance of the incentive scheme which we have negotiated with the coal board, and which I believe to be in the best interests of the country, the Labour Party, which we both support, and everybody employed in all the pits in Britain."

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor
The bitter propaganda war between militant miners' leaders and those who support the National Coal Board's productivity scheme became more heated yesterday.
Mr Leonard Clarke, president of the moderate Notting-hamshire area, which had every coalfield, including Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire, will vote overwhelmingly 'no', and reject the board's scheme."

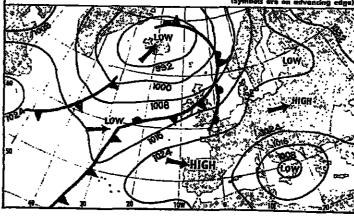
Scheme."

Yorkshire NUM leaders are mounting an immense publicity exercise to persuade the coalfield's 65,000 pitmen to vote against the package. Large posters bearing a black cross dripping with blood, and arguing that there will be "more blood on the coal" if the incentive proposals are implemented, are proposals are implemented, are being distributed to the pits, and an intensive campaign of leaflets, pithead meetings and mass gatherings of branch officials are being held in advance of the ballot on November 13-14

Mr Miron said the real objection to the scheme, which had not yet been voiced, was that it would diminish the power of the militant Marxist minority within the miners' union to wage industrial strife. He denied that the incentive scheme would mean widespread pit closures.

"The saboteurs of the social contract" could not overthrow the country's orderly way of life through the parliamentary ballot box, he said, "so these latter-day Lenius within the NUM, small though they may be in numbers, are apparently setting the stage for another confrontation and strike.

Weather forecast and recordings



Today Sun rises: Sun sets: 7.6 am 4.22 pm Moon rises: Moon sets: 12.4 am 1.34 pm New Moon: November 14. Lighting up: 4.52 pm to 6.37 am. High water: London Bridge, 7.26 am, 6.2m (20.2ft); 8.18 pm, 6.4m (20.9ft). Avormouth, 12.58 am, 10.6m (34.8ft): 1.30 pm, 10.9m (35.6ft). Dover, 5.3 am, 5.8m (19.0ft); 5.53 pm, 5.8m (18.9ft). Hull, 12.37 pm, 6.2m (20.2ft). Liverpool, 5.24 am, 7.3m (23.8ft); 5.51 pm, 7.5m (24.7ft).

Troughs of low pressure will Troughs of low pressure will move E over the British Isles. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE, central S England,

East Anglia, Midlands: Mostly cloudy with slight rain at times; hill fog patches especially early and late; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 11°C (52°F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Mostly Cloudy, rain or drizzle at times; widespread hill fog and some coastal patches; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 12°C (54°F).

E, NW, central S England, N Wales: Cloudy with rain at times and hill fog; mostly dry later, perhaps with clear intervals; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyli, N Ireland: Cloudy with rain at first, moderate in places; bright or clear intervals later, isolated showers;

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f. fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow,

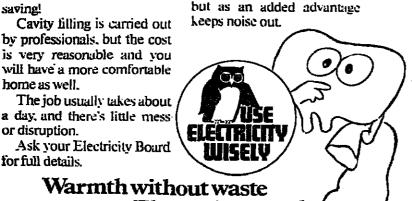
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Outlook for tomorrow and S
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Wind SW fresh; sea moderate.
St George's Channel: Wird S
fresh or strong; sea moderate
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itain takes the wrong h to youth and violence unal justice system may long run break down, or F. H. McClintock, ir of Criminology at gh University, said in gh last night.

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warning from Professor ock, acknowledged as the world's leading excriminal violence the young, was in a leche outcome of many detailed research in and America. It comes ne when there is fierce about the effectiveness ent methods of dealing king to the Edinburgh of the Institute for the

he said: "The often-ssertion that the younger-tion is identified as both

criminal and violent, when examined carefully in relation to crime data in police returns and the demographic data on the population is found to be a public myth ".

Although the young had much higher conviction rates than the adult population, and though such rates had been increasing in recent years, still no more than six young people were in-volved each year for every 100 in the male population. The chance of a young male becoming a youthful recidivist was less than 4 per cent.

But that was not to deny the serious crime rate. The increase in recorded violence during the last 13 years was 288 per cent in England and Wales and 173 per cent in Scotland.

"We have estimated". Pro-fessor McClintock said, "that more than 40 per cent of the recorded crimes of violence and robberies are committed by young people between the ages of 10 and 20, whereas if the incidence of their criminal violence was similar to that expected on the basis of population them. for only 15 per cent of all recorded crimes of violence".

The vast majority of young to different neighbour hoods or central shopping areas", Professor McClintock said. tion then they should account

had no previous convictions for violent crime, although a sub-stantial minority had previously been convicted of theft and

other offences against property. They came mainly from poor neighbourhoods, and not infrequently had a history of conflict with parents, schoolteachers and employers.

There was some evidence that a very small proportion of such offenders was gravitating to wards more serious and semiprofessional kinds of crime. But on the whole, Professor McClintock said, they appeared to be too disorganized to be potential recruits for the professional adult criminal class.

A substantial number of the

offenders came from and com-mitted their offences in "transitional " and economically deprived neighbourhoods, which had always in the past tolerated a considerable amount of rough-

ness and physical violence.

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Gillian Jones, aged 31, milworth Walk, Bedford, of stab wounds after being ed by a man yesterday teaching a class of

Rebels at Clay Cross attack proposals

Despite the parliamentary storm over their activities, the former councillors of Clay Cross, Derbyshire, are entirely unrepentent about their attempts to bring about socialism in one

urban district.
Although Mr Crosland is accused of unconstitutional leniency towards them, some at least of the councillors have criticized his proposals and attacked the latest report of the district auditor.

Mr David Skinner, one of the 11 surcharged and disqualified councillors and a brother of Mr Denis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, said last night that Mr Crosland's attitude was dis-

graceful. His view of the auditor's report was that it entitled all the councillors to a new trial. The auditor says here that his predecessor was not able to take into account the full rent of this new information that has come out,

We regarded the removal of his disqualification with little enthusiasm although he said that if the Clay Cross Labour Party wished him to stand again he would. He appealed last night to all Labour Party supporters and trade unionists approaches. porters and trade unionists not to contribute to any fund to pay

off the £7,000 surcharges. The latest auditor's interim report, which may be completed by Christmas, implies that another £100,000 at least may be chargeable to the former councillors for their handling of other council affairs, in addi-tion to the dispute over the Housing Figure Act.

That encompasses ranging from an increase in the labour force from 39 to 88 over the three years to 1974 and the

to old age pensioners.
The councillors were enraged at suggestions in the Commons that they were "crooked". Both David and Mr Graham Skinner rebate to which the tenants of Clay Cross would have been entitled, Mr Skiner said. "We shal consult our lawyers to see who made the suggestion outside Westminister.

Slimmers owed £150,000 by group, meeting told

The My Fair Lady Slimming Clinic Group has a deficiency of £400,000, it was stated at a meeting at Winchester House, City of London, yesterday. Hundreds of women who signed on with the group are owed about £150,000, it was stated, and as unsecured creditors they have no chance of being

repaid.

Many people left the meeting of Mumco (UK), one of the main companies of the group, before the end. "We are wasting our time here", one said.

Mr Eric Lim and Mr Victor Nyssen, the directors, faced critical questions from those who staved.

who stayed. The group had slimming clinics at Leeds, Manchester, Liverpool, Heswall, Wembley, Ilford and Bromley, and three London branches. Every branch

The circular states that, be-

cause of the high costs of acquiring the land, the site facing

Euston Road will probably have to be used "either for a major public building, paid for by the Government, or for offices to offset the cost of the housing, or perhaps for both".

was run by a separate company and every company is now insolvent, it was said.

Mr Lim said the group's only capital had been £10,000 paid for shares. The £250,000 spent

vided by customers.

The whole of the £250,000 had been lost, Mr Lim said. It was doubtful if much could be realized from the company's

on opening and equipping clinics came from cash pro-

Adverse economic conditions were partly to blame for the group's failure, the directors said.

Creditors of Mumco (UK) refused to confirm a resolution passed by the shareholders for voluntary liquidation. They said they wanted a compulsory winding up with an investigation by an official receiver.

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viaducts and semi-derelict trial buildings long over-or redevelopment. It con-of three main areas; en Lane, Elm Village and rs Town which lies be-1 Euston Road and St Pan-

hough British Rail bas ised the land to Camden, riations have not yet position in view of it and the question of the to commercial to be paid. The council developers.

Budget debate extended

The Government has agreed, under Opposition pressure, to extend next week's Budget debate in the Commons from two days to three. Mr Healey will open his Budget at about 3.30 pm on Tuesday, and the debate will continue until 10 pm on Thursday.

Commons TV debate The House of Commons will debate the broadcasting and televising of its proceedings before the Christmas recess, Mr Short, Leader of the House, announced yesterday.

The major public building the council has in mind is the new British Library. The alternative of an office building would Director to retire

Mr Val May, director of the Bristol Old Vic for 13 years, is place the council in an invidious to retire, it was announced yesposition in view of its opposition terday. He directed 60 producproperty

rmingham birth rate still above average

mingham's birth rate re-. above the national average ugh it has been dropping he past six years. Figures that the city has 14.3 in 1.000 population comwith the provisional for Eugland and Wales

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the groups for separate statistical treatment is justifiable, if only on the ground that each tends to have a different set of social requirements.
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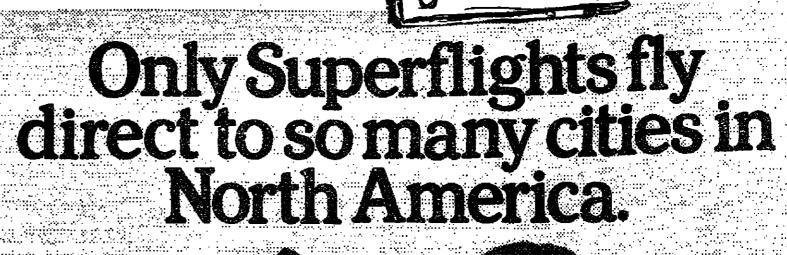
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abstract states: "As ion of residence here in es it may be expected that marital relations, with the result that when such relations are

"The effect of the second factor is likely to diminish as the volume of immigration is reduced and, in respect of the third, it seems reasonable to suppose that there will be an increasing tendency for the immigrant groups to emulate the family-planning customs of the host community. For these reasons, the birth rates should not be assumed to persist at so high a relative level indefinitely into the future."

Of the city's 303,426 schoolchildren registered last year, 34,097 were "wholly non-European " compared with 20,016 six years ago and 30,678 in 1972 West Indians form the largest number, with 7,183, followed by Indians, 4,789, and Paki-stanis, 3,822.

The minimum estimate of coloured people living in Birmpopulation of 1,004,000.





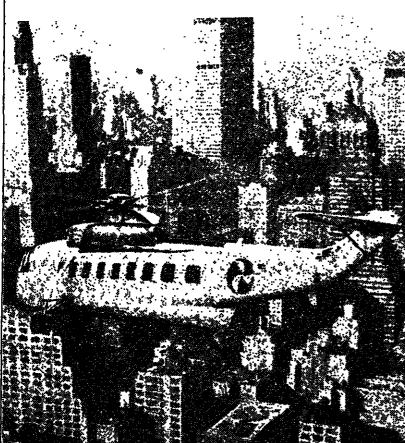
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The latter, 20 grammes with a diameter of 35 mm.

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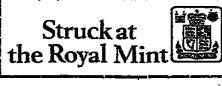
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HOME NEWS

Hour's chat, and then they would say: Give me my jab now, please

Mercy killings admitted by retired surgeon

A retired Scottish surgeon, Mr George Mair, said yesterday that he had carried out a series of mercy killings on incurable patients, stretching over a period of years.

He could not give a precise figure for the number of times he had conducted eurhanasia, saying that such things were "very traumatic" and thus the mind tended to black them out. But he emphasized that it was always done at the patient's initiative.

While it has been known that individual doctors have illegally conducted enthanasia, Mr Mair's admission that he carried out such mercy killings over a long period is certain to revive the comroversy about whether euthanasia should be legalized. Mr Mair, speaking at his home in Old Polmont, Stirlingshire,

said he had first seen euthanasia practised when he went to a hospital in the Midlands as a young doctor, and found his seniors carrying it out from

"I was young and ingenuous and presumed that under Eng-lish law this might be legal, since people of impeccable character were carrying this out in selected circumstances." Later he realized that that was

not so.

He emphasized that those doctors always used three criteria in such cases, and that he had always followed those cri-teria when he carried out

emnanasia.

"The diagnosis had to be established by more than two consultants; the parient had to be so lamentably ill, and in such a pathetic state, and had failed to respond to any form of treatment for a significant period of time, that their ion of living time, that their joy of living had been destroyed; the patients themselves took the initiative in asking for this."

Mr Mair said the initiative



always had to come from the patient. It has been suggested that all too often in such cases it was the relatives who pressed for euthanasia, but he said: " I never paid any attention to relatives."

He added that he never discussed the decision with rela-tives: "It was the patient's decision; it was a private act. He said they were courageous people who had come to a deci-sion. I would see them and we would have tea or coffee beforehand. We would probably char for maybe an hour and then they would say 'Give me my jab now, please'."

Mr Mair realized that some people might say that what he had done was murder, but he was not troubled by guilt. He believed that he had relieved the suffering of those people.

He had no doubt that a significant number of other doctors were involved in euthanasia.

"It's okay so long as you are not found out." But he believed that it was necessary to speak

a cay.

She had made her will, p
her house in order and had se
her friends while she was st
looking reasonably well. He sa He had not considered the possibility of prosecution for what he had done until it was raised yesterday morning. "I raised yesterday morning. "I cannot say I am worried, though I very much hope that nothing like that will happen", he said.

Mr Mair, aged 60, said he did

He had practised euthanasia throughout his career at regular intervals, but he felt that to give details would only distract attention away from the prin-ciple that he believed was important: the benefits that

uthanasia could bring in certain cases.

Euthanasia could be carried out either by withholding drugs that would otherwise prolong life, or by administering enormous injections to those in constant pain. He thought it was terrible to keep alive medically neonle who were vegetables.

people who were vegetables.

Mr Mair was in practice as surgeon from 1939 to 1953, and then went into general practice in the North of England. He retired from medicine in 1968 and is now a writer and lecturer.

He has written 19 books.
In a book, Confessions of a Surgeon, which is published next week, Mr Mair says: "I still consider that euthanasia, conducted without making a major production out of it, is the ideal end-point for many types of terminal illness, including many conditions other than cancer. "It was, of course, completely illegal and totally unethical, but

I still say that it was merciful to the people concerned. It saved them weeks or months of pain, worry and possibly even fear."
Mr Mair describes the case of a woman in her forties who was not expected to live more than

not want to give too many details of the mercy killings he had carried out but "it is not ment of Beethoven's ninth a

she wished to be remembered them when looking "i decent". At her request, she was more into a side room. Mr Mair say "She squeezed my hand wh listening to the second me phony. I then slipped the need into a large vein and gave

drugs.
"She slept swiftly and died were whispered, but cle Thank you. Thank you so we very much "." Mr Mair describes how, w

he was resident surgical offi at the Warneford Hospi Leamington Spa, he discove that a whole group of old n with advanced malignan were given "mercy killings In one case "a genial cha ter joked with the patient fc few seconds while he injected enormous intravenous dose evipan. The patient was as within a minute or so and v

The whole process Mr has suggests, was normal. "I e coped with one or two myst Mr Charles Sweetingh secretary of the Vokum Euthanasia Society, said ye day that he admired Mr has secretary for the Charles of the Vokum Euthanasia Society, said ye day that he admired Mr has secretary and the secretary for his courage and huma in speaking out. "I think it reveal the desirability of ing the position made lawf

The British Medical Asse tion said: "We do not common individual cases but official policy is to cond-euthanasia."

Confessions of a Surgeon George B. Mair; William combe, £3.95. a few months and was already

In brief

Date set for corruption case

The trial of four men charged with corruption offences involv-ing John Poulson, the former architect, and T. Dan Smith will begin at Leeds Crown Court in

January, if was announced yesterday.

The four are Councillor Colin Dews, of Glebe Street, Castleford; Councillor Tom Roebuck, of Elm Road, Mexborough, both Yorkshire; Albert Roy Hadwin, of St Thomas Square, Newcastle upon Tyne; and Peter Ward, of the Old Orchard, Rothbury, Northumberland.

Factory murder charge Jack Smith, aged 63, of Bel-field Road, Northampton, was remanded in custody for eight days by Northampton magis-trates yesterday, charged with murdering Roger Tipping, aged 34, a factory manager, who died in a shooting incident at his

Homes saved from road The remaining six-mile section Route, from the North Circular Road, Walthamstow, to Strat-ford, has been abandoned because it would have meant des-troying 150 homes.

School buildings closed Parts of 11 schools in Northamptonshire have been closed for repairs because surveys have shown that suspect cement was used in their construction.

Sir Geoffrey Howe urges Tories to rally to new 'Set the people free' battle-cry

By Geoffrey Smith

Political Staff Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Conservative spokesman on the social services, looked forward last night to the situation that the party chairman expects to face in the next election. While face in the next election. While giving a warning that the party must not appear only as the champion of the hard-pressed middle classes, he saw the task as being more complex than simply recapturing the allegiance of industrial working families.

"We have been losing

"We have been losing strength on more or less the same scale with almost every section of the electorate", Sir Geoffrey told London University Conservative Association. He may therefore be thought to have kept his distance from to have kept his distance from both Mr Walker and Mrs Thatcher. Sir Keith Joseph may note the comment that "there are difficulties in simul-taneously making a virtue of accepting the realities of human nature and yet claiming to be the only champions of

The essence of Sir Geoffrey's speech was that it was an examination of the party's philomorality ". sophy and policy, not its leader-ship. He foresees a period of greatly intensified state intergready intensified state intervention and control, from which the country will need deliverance. So he would like to see Conservatives rallying to the Churchellian battle-cry of the early 1950s: "Set the people free."

Sir Geoffrey said: "I am in no doubt that it must be one

of the principal tasks of the Conservative Party to challenge the principles and oppose the policies of socialism. Such outright opposition does not naturally appeal to the British instinct for compromise. Yet most socialists are unwilling to compromise, save only about the pace of the socialist revolu-tion."

He looked forward, in effect, an anxi-socialist crusade behind the Conservative banner. Their appeal would have to be broad enough "to make it natural, and indeed inevitable, for people like Christopher Mayhew and Dick Taverne to transfer their allegiance to the Conservatives instead of to the indeterminate centre".

That might seem a somewhat ambitious objective, but Sir Geoffrey made it clear that the campaign would not be confined to economic matters.

In economics there would be an emphasis on the virtues of profits and of competition.

Monetary policy would be an essential, long-term, strategic weapon against inflation. "If that is wrong, then nothing else will come right." But monetary policy would not be enough.

Beyond that the campaign would be to set the people free from excessive government and an encroaching bureaucracy, Judgment on performance:
Joining in the Conservative
Party's soul-searching on leadership and policy, Mr John Biffen,
MP for Oswestry, said at Kensington last night that many former Tories deserted the party

mer Tories deserted the party

vative government
Mr Biffen, who at one

was closely associated with Enoch Powell but who is no substantial figure of what co be loosely called the econo right of the party, said Walker last weekend had cr ized the contemporary role erformance of free enterp but turned an obliging Nelse eye to the shortcomings

Mr Biffen dismissed as a nather belief that voters was telling the truth in the e tion campaign. "Their de tion is a judgment on e and government perform between 1970 and 1974", said. "There were three marks of Conservative gov traditional supporters, and each instance we must the constructively on how to re their support and enthusia. The troiks of our misfort was the political cult of the relentless pursuit of eco mic growth, and the cease

tinkering with institutions." growth the Conservative ernment embarked on definancing "on a scale unpr dented in peacetime and inflationary consequences were both predictable and dicted". It was foolish to pose that it need not de disturb working-class Tories, cause it ran counter to c instincts on the virtue of th

Ecumenical good will for Catholic bishop at synod

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent
In a spectacular demonstration of ecumenical good will, the In a spectacular demonstra-tion of ecumenical good will, the General Synod of the Church of England gave two prolonged and spontaneous standing ova-tions yesterday to the first Roman Catholic bishop to be invited to take part in the

invited to take part in the synod's proceedings.

The Right Rev Alan Clark, Roman Catholic Bishop of Elmham and co-chairman of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Theological Commission, had addressed the synod at length on the significance of the two historic agreements, on the Eucharist and on the ministry, which the commission has produced so far.

try, which the commission has produced so far.

He saw the synod vote unanimously in favour of a resolution welcoming the agreements, and commending them for study at all levels in the church. By that resolution, the governing body of the Church of England went as far as possible in endorsing the terms of the agreements, and acknowledging them as and acknowledging them as generally compatible with Anglican doctrine.

Some detailed reservations were expressed during the

Flixborough victims to share £50,000

Victims of the disaster which ravaged the works of Nypro UK Ltd, at Flixborough, Humberside, in June, killing 28 employees, are to share £50,000.

The money was given to the fund launched by the Mayor of Glanford, Councillor George Hewson, and he said yesterday that it would now be distributed.

Adult dependants of people killed are to receive £1,000 each, and children £500, with additional provision in cases of special hardship. Those incapa-citated will get £1,000, and

quite apart from their importance to the ecumenical move-ment, the agreements were good enough to be used for the in-struction of Confirmation candi-

Mgr Clark said the agree-ments pointed the way to re-examination of the recognition of Anglican orders by Rome, but that would have to await progress on the third important topic being considered by the international commission, that of authority within the church.

"I have said that our goal is consensus of faith", he said.

"This is the immediate purpose but there is a decrease. pose, but there is a deeper and profounder content to what we are doing. For what will emerge at the end of the day, if we respond to the grace of God, is a picture, however imperfectly drawn, of what we profess to be the Church of Christ. This is the fundamental consensus we are seeking. If we have done our work well, then all of us, wherever we are, will have to face the charge: why then do we remain divided?"

Working party on disabled asks

for suggestions

Lord Snowdon, chairman of the working party on integration of the disabled, has appealed to disabled people who feel they are at a disadvantage compared with the able-bodied to come forward with suggestions for overcoming their disadvantages.

The working party was ser up by Action Research for the Crippled Child to examine the lack of integration experienced lack of integration experienced by disabled people in areas such as education employment

as education em transport and leisure. employment, Suggestions should be sent to the Secretary, Working Party on Integration, 1 Springfield Road, Horsham, Sussex, RH12

Oxfam doesn't like giving food to the hungry.

seven years of drought on the southern edge of the Sahara have destroyed the way of life of the Tuareg herdsmen, forcing thousands into the towns to queue for relief food.

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Surgeo rice-fixing warning retailers if oluntary pact fails

e Government's voluntary ment with retailers to cut 's on certain basic housegoods appeared to be ing reasonably effectively. r-Secretary of State at the rement of Prices and Conr Protection, said after a to shops in Greater London

ere was therefore no need esent for the Government take use of the powers it ander the prices Act to fix s, except in the case of dized foods, he added.

t if at any time before the ight the agreement in March Sovernment considered that igreement was not working he real benefit of the t; swife, it would not hesitate se those powers. It was that the housewife ild continue to get a low-

e Government entered into

the retail trade in June under which they should reduce their profit limits by a tenth and should concentrate that reduction on basic items.

Items such as bread, one cut of beef, one line of toilet soap were to be on continuous offer. Manufacturers were also asked to concentrate promotional activities on items including cooking oil, canned soups and baby

Two days' advance warning was given to the shops visited by Mr MacLennan, but he did not think that that had led them make any special changes. This was not intended as a snooping exercise but so as to stimulate shops to do well. he explained. "After a few

months such agreements are apt to slip from people's minds." He said his department was continuously monitoring prices by means of a fortnightly ques-tionnaire sent to retail traders and by following up letters of complaint from individual mem-

oultry men complain **bout 'criminal' cuts**

le effort and materials now led to produce a pound of could be used to produce a pounds of poultry meat ounces of beef, leaders of poultry industry said yes

r John Eastwood, president he British Poultry Federa-said the present EEC policy onserving cereals by cutting n on poultry was criminal beef cattle ate about e times as much grain as kens to produce the same unt of protein for three as the price. He called for EEC policy of replacing beef duction by growth in poultry. ne federation felt that beef been excessively subsidized publicized by the British ernment, so that there was a glut throughout the EEC.

onel Uvedale Corbett, vice-sident of the federation, "The great beef bubble burst and blown a hole in business, and we resent Ar Eastwood said replacement chicks for poultry meat and

en cur by a fifth in the past ir. Although producers were w receiving 21p a pound for ir broiler birds instead of 17p in the summer, that was ough only to break even witht recovering past losses. Warnings of further inflation shopping bills came thick

i fast yesterday. Mr Robert ler, chairman of the soft fruit unittee of the National mers Union, said the cost of ving strawberries had risen quarter in the past year the National Association of Drink Manufacturers said high sugar prices would enan extra 1p on a quart bottle

Hugh Clayton

The Department of Prices and Consumer Protection said that plaice, some pork, pears and lemons would be dearer this weekend than last. Pork is still rising in response to improving market prices for pigs, so the cheapest cuts now cost as much as the more expensive roasting joints did six months ago. Belly has reached 36p a pound and hand is approaching 35p.

But competitive price-cutting continues and, as always, the best bargains are not the most obvious ones. Mr Robert Owsnett, meat controller of International Stores, announced his company's latest reductions on New Zealand lamb with the comment that they were the lowest prices it had offered on such meat so far this year.

He said the company had cut its whole and half shoulders by 4p to 34p a pound, but Tesco immediately offered shoulder of home-killed lamb at 32p a pound. Mr Owsnett's 48p a pound for New Zealand legs was met by a 50p English leg

Fresh fish is becoming cheaper for the first time for several weeks, although increases are expected for coley and plaice. The Department of s and Consumer Protection predicted that cod fillets would drop 5p to 50p a pound.

have heard of one where the

specially trained and selected

nurses provide the whole ser-vice, including the insertion of

intra-uterine devices. In that

is in charge. He signs one prescription for all the pills that the nurses dispense once every three months. Unless the nurses

refer to him he does not see the patients."

He urged that legislation should be introduced to give nurses "unique powers in the

nurses "unique powers in the prescription of contraceptives". It would help the family planning services to reach more women at risk, including those with large families and others who were house-tied.

who were nouse-ned.

Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, offered Dr Smith some hope that his plea might be heard when she addressed the conference. The suggestion would be fully considered by all the professions concerned, she said.

She appropried that she was

She announced that she was allocating an extra film for the second half of the present financial year to help health authorities to cope with intoleration of the present intoleration of the present property of the present

able waiting lists at family planning clinics.

lurses 'dispensing pill at imily planning clinics'

ial Services

respondent undreds of thousands of nen attending Family Plan-Association clinics have given the contraceptive by nurses, although doctors the only people legally quali-to prescribe it. Nurses e also been fitting women at

clinic with intra-uterine des although normally it is ded out by doctors. It Michael Smith, chief mediofficer of the association, cribed the situation yester-when he pleaded for "legal sing " of nurses prescribing pill. He asked for national ognition of a new nursing ciality, the "social health" se, which would help to ease

peaking at the association's ional conference in London, said that 30 per cent of all patients had been seen by ses only over the past five irs. An association working ty had been studying the ways in which experied doctors and nurses had in managing the service by

per use of their professional

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sation of the Saturday paper

: an essential step to main-

i profitability in the face of ere reductions in advertisbudgets and constantly ris-prices", it said. he editor and the managing ector explained the decision editorial staff yesterday and sultations are in progress

fr Richard Briginshaw, eral secretary of the ional Society of Operative sonnel said: It is an indi-

on of the difficulties and blems of the industry, which is likely t be further bur-

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Child 'had six broken ribs tandard' to end | and 64 bruises

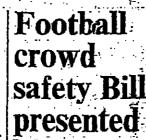
Tina Johnson, aged eight months, had six broken ribs and me of London's two evening ers, the Evening Standard, o stop publishing its Satur-64 separate bruises on her body the night she died, it was alleged at Nottingham Crown Court editions to reduce costs. yesterday. She had been with her father, Charles Lesley Johne newspaper, part of the verbrook Group, announcing son, aged 19, while her mother : yesterday, said there would a hundred redundancies in went out with relatives to a miners' welfare club, Mr David Wilcox, for the prosecution, said. he statement, published on front page, said the Satur-editions would probably after November 30. "The

Mr Wilcox said that before the mother, Mrs Margaret Johnson, went out the baby had been bathed and was laughing hap-

Mr Johnson, a box cutter, of Lamcote Street, The Meadows, Nottingham, pleaded not guilty to charges of cruelty and bodily

Neglect of the social sciences in France

The "catastrophic neglect" the social sciences in France is discussed today in The Times Higher Education Supplement by Dr A. H. Halsey. There are also articles on J. H. Plumb, the Cambridge historian, the state of American higher edu-



The Safety of Sports Grounds Bill, requiring stadia with a capacity for more than ten thousand spectators to obtain a safety certificate from the local authority, was laid before Par-liament yesterday. The Bill is substantially that introduced under the last Administration but lost because of the general

The first stadia dealt with will probably be international foot-ball grounds, English first and second division football grounds and Scottish first division

The Bill implements the main recommendations made by Lord Wheatley in his report in 1972 into crowd safety at sports Only those stadia with accom-

modation for more than ten thousand spectators will be re-quired to obtain a safety certificate from the local authority which must consult the building authority, the chief officer of police and the fire authority, if different from the local authority.
Under the certificate the

local authority will be em powered to impose terms and conditions that it thinks are needed to secure a reasonable standard of safety.

Boycott complaint

Mr Wilson is to look into the case of three Grimsby fish dockers sent to Coventry by their mates since they refused to join a strike on May 8.



Councils complain of 1971 census delays

The 1971 census, intended as an essential tool for Britain's planners, has proved too much for the census officials to cope with. Processing the mass of information has taken so long that seven volumes of national figures are up to a year behind

Local authorities, faced with these delays and others on special detailed information special they ordered, have kept up a

Office of Population Censuses and Surveys. They have found themselves risking decisions based on information eight years out of date because nothing else has been available.
The situation came to a head

this week in the Greater London Council when a resolution was passed calling for the matter to be taken up with the Secreof State for Health and I Services. There have Social Services.

decision on a census in 1976 and the GLC in its resolution supported the proposal for one.

The national statistics which have been delayed include tables which relate homes with places of work and figures for educational qualifications, composi-tion of households, fertility, occupations, migration countries of birth.

Mr Eric Thompson, chairman of the Census Research Group

and assistant director of the GLC Intelligence Unit, said: "We have been told that we shall get some of the special material we ordered next year but the material was intended to the special was intended." to be available within two

Last year The Times disclosed that census office computers had rejected more than a quarof the 18 million forms which were designed to collect four times the information re-

Lottery MP in luck again in Bill ballot

By Our Political_Staff Mr Graham Page, who was Minister for Local Government in the last Conservative government, has been lucky again in the ballot for private members' Bills. In the last Parliament he won first place and introduced a Bill to allow local authorities to run their own letteries. contentious, this passed through the Commons, only to be defeated in the Lords. In yesterday's ballot he won second place and will now reimproduce the Bill. Mr Page has a distinguished

record for guiding private mem

bers' legislation on to the

starute book. He was responsible for the Cheques Act, the Pawn-brokers Act and the Stock Transfer Act, and he started the legislation to pay wages by cheque which was than taken over by government and became law. government and became law.

Mr Peter Hardy won first place in yesterday's ballot, then, after Mr Page, came, in order: Mr J. White, Mr A. Bottomley, Mrs J. Butler, Mr T. King, Mr A. Grant, Mr P. Doig, Mr W. Whiclock, Mr J. MacGregor, Mr W. Shekton, Mr M. Bates, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr S. Mahon, Sr Derek Walker-Smith, Mr P. Channon, Mrs M. Colquhoun, Mr C. Townsend, Mr M. Brotherton and Mr W. Hamling.

Building strike ends

Three thousand Merseyside ouilding workers return to work esterday after a week's unofficial strike protesting over the dismissal of the Shrewsbury "flying pickets" appeal.

Christmas is coming and he's stocked up for a big season. He hasn't had to worry about extra insurance cover though—his policy takes care of that automatically.

Not all shopkeepers can be so blasé about an overfull stockroom. Excess expertise, however, knows the problems – the last worry they want at busy times is extra cover. That's why Excess new Shopkeepers Policy allows for automatic seasonal stock increases for any six week period at no extra charge - just one of the many features contained in this new policy. Others include twice the amount of business interruption cover previously available, impact damage by own vehicles, and an increased public liability indemnity. Many optional extensions too make this new Excess Shopkeepers Policy probably the best on the market.

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Expensive to put sugar on ration

House of Commons

MR TEBBIT (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C) asked the Minister of Agriculture to list the powers he possessed to introduce rationing of basic foodstuffs such as sugar.

MR STRANG, Parliamentary Secretary (Edinburgh, East, Lab)—The minister has no such DOMELT"

MR TEBBIT-WILL the Government consider taking such powers or alternatively altering their polior alternatively altering their poli-cies: as these powers may be needed. I say this in no mpleasant terms: I have a good deal of sym-pathy with Mr Peart.

As the beef rug has been pulled out from under him and since the Commonwealth producers ratted on their obligations to supply us at

on their obligations to supply us at reasonable prices, will be consider taking steps to make sure that the British housewife can get sugar somewhere because she cannot

MR STRANG—Rationing is a serious matter and it would be a drastic and expensive step to take and one which would be only appropriate in a situation where we had a serious and prolonged shortage. That situation does not exist at present. (Conservative interruptions.)

MR WOODALL (Hemsworth. Lab)—Unofficial rationing of sugar is now taking place in my constituency. I have evidence of grocery concerns only permitting customers purchasing specific amounts of groceries to have sugar. If he has no powers to introduce rationing can he stop this unofficial rationing?

MR STRANG—I can well understand Mr Woodall's concern about the situation which exists in some shops in his constituency. It is the case that some housewives are having difficulty obtaining sugar at present. The amount of sugar company of the last free months is up on last year and what we have is an abnormal what we have is a demand at this time.

MR HAROLD WILSON, Prime Minister. when questioned later about sugar matters, said: We have every intention of getting all the sugar we can from Australia, either through Community arrangement or direct. (Cries of "Oh".)

LORD CHAMPION (Lab), mov-

ing that the House noted the tenth report of the select committee on the future sugar policy of the European Communities, said

European Communities, said within their terms of reference the committee had to decide whether the EEC proposals were to be viewed from the wide European point of view or from a more parochial national standpoint. They had tried to achieve a balance

ctween the two. They were of the opinion from

the Community angle that the pro-posals provided a satisfactory framework within which negoti-ations between agricultural mimis-

ters might take place and in particular provided a reasonable basis

for negotiation on a possible rein-carnation of an international sugar agreement. They would also pro-

vide for the future production of adequate supplies of sugar.

The committee were of the opinion that the price structure thould continue to the price structure.

sugar beet industry in the Community as well as supporting cane sugar production in develop-

From our national angle (he

continued) we were critical of the proposal to fix quotas on the basis

proposal to fix quotas on the basis of a producer's total annual production between 1968 and 1973 for the reason that our own sugar producers were during that period restricted by the Commonwealth sugar agreement. That agreement made provision that we would restrict our production here in order to insure that we could take the agreed production of our Commonwealth.

Having regard to the highly vulnerable position of British refineries the committee believed that the Minister of Agriculture

must carefully explore the EEC memorandum and perhaps take a

firm stand to insure that this

country's refineries were not to suffer as a consequence of any

suffer as a consequence of any Community decisions.

LORD ST OSWALD (C) said that he had spoken this week in the agriculture committee in Brussels. The spirit was one of cooperation, which did not prevent special interests heing deployed where they could be shown and accepted as genuine and reasonable. The doubt law not in the willingness of the

aw not in the willingness of the Community to maintain the quota, but in the ability of the developing countries to fulfit the quota. They failed by more than 300,000 tons in

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Jobs of cane refinery workers not at risk in EEC negotiations

MR WILLIAM HAMILTON lian deal? Will he meet all those (Centred Fife, Lab) asked the involved in the refining distributions of Agriculture, Fisheries ing and selling of sngar to try and the recently negotiated sugar MR PEART—I took the initia-

MR PEART (Workington, Lab) said the cost of sugar bought under the EEC arrangements, when rafined, would be far below the rathed, would be far below the world market price, but he could not at this stage make a firm forecast. On the future sugar regime of the Community, they had secured the maximum quota of just over 1,500,000 metric tons at the full guaranteed price. MR HAMILTON-Notwithstand

MR HAMILIUM—Notwinistanding these agreements and the outcome of the talks with the Council
of Ministers in the next week or
two, will Mr Peart seek a longterm agreement for the import of
cane sugar from the Commonwealth, no matter what happens in
the Council of Ministers?
On beet sugar will be urse on On beet sugar, will he urge on the British Sugar Corporation the need to get on with the moderniz-ing of their processing equipment to cater for increased beet supplies

in Britain?

If there is likely to be a shortage of sugar next year, as there may well be, he should not hesitate to introduce rationing; obviously, that would be a fairer scheme of ensuring the poorer sections get a fairer share of what is going. MR PEART-I did secure an

increased acreage quota for beet sugar. On Commonwealth sugar, it is true it is a matter for the Community still. This will be discussed soon in the Community. We are anxious to have a long-term agreement. agreement.

MR BLAKER (Blackpool, South, C)—Does be agree with the view, which seems to be that of the cane sugar refinery workers, that as a result of negotiations jobs are at MR PEART—I do not accept that. There has been too much alarm and despondency spread by people for whatever reasons. The position of the cane refinery

position of the cane refinery workers will be safeguarded by the agreements reached in the Council of Ministers. (am meeting continually the workers concerned and

Government encouraging farmers

that to talk of surplus in a situa-tion of acute world shortage was-unreal. The fear of shortages was indicated by the sugar futures mar-

ket. The top price of December sugar was £650 a ton yesterday. The fear of experts who foresaw a serious world sugar shortage during at least the first half of next year was reflected in the market.

Commonwealth sugar producers

were no longer so dependent on sales to Great Britain. They had concluded sales with China, Ven-ezuela, North Africa, and North America. The 1975 supplies were threatened by the current difficul-

ties in harvesting European beet because of bad weather.

The Eastern block was putting out feelers for sugar supplies in addition to the existing arrangements they had with Cuba. All that underlined the seriousness of the world supply of sugar for next year.

been over-optimistic during 1974.
The sugar shortage in the retail shops was not going to be over-come within a matter of weeks.
The sugar shortage, as every hoose-

wife could confirm, was still

there.

According to the ministry, the shortage was created by panic buying and hoarding. Every housewife would say they got it the wrong way round. The panic buying and hoarding, if there was any in any prest way way were treated by the the chartens.

great way, was created by the shor-

Nobody wanted rationing in peacetime, but the lessons of the last war showed that it was essential to start rationing before the shortages arrived, not afterwards. In the difficult situation which laced the Government, and particularly the Ministry of Agriculture, that should be borne in mind.

LORD BESWICK, Minister of

LORD BESWICK, Minister of State for Industry, said they had secured agreement to asubstantial increase in their own beet quotas for internal consumption within the Community from a maximum of 990,000 tons to one of just over 1,300,000 tons, all of which attracted the full guaranteed price. Thus the element of discrimination against the new member states inherent in the Commission's original proposals had been removed. We have also (he said) expressed our intention to move to full Community prices from January 1, 1975, as a further step to encourage farmers to sow this

rage farmers to sow this

Costs in Lands Tribunal 'sealed offer' cases

to expand sowing of beet

MR PEART—I took the initia-tive to have talks with the Austra-lians. I also raised their position in the EEC. Australia would only the EEC. Alstrains would only have a deal approved by the EEC—that is their position. In the circumstances, because of our immediate needs, I accepted the negotiations endorsed by the EEC. MR SHERSBY (Hillingdon Uxbridge, C)—Does he agree it is in the national interest that the

maximum quantity of beet sugar should be grown in Britain and the maximum amount of cane sugar should be imported as distinct from the EEC if our supplies are from the EEC if our supplies are to be ensured. Will he press now for the EEC to agree to importation of not less than 1,400,000 tons of Commonwealth cane sugar to match the 1,500,000 tons of beet sugar which is supposed to be grown in Britain, if we are to fulfill our quotas.

our quotas.

MR PEART—I agree. This will be discussed in the EEC soon. Our position is that we want this 1,400,000 tons of sugar at a fair price to the producers. It is in the consumers' interest and I accept it. On sugar beet I have accepted the increase which has been welcomed.

increase which has been welcomed.

MR JAY (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab)—According to my
information the Australians are
willing to offer supplies of the
order of 300,000 tons a year for a
minimum of five years at a price of
£145 a ton comparable with the
EEC price of £134 a ton. Allowing
for the subsidy involved, there
would have been no great difference in the price. Was Mr Pearr
right to turn down this offer?

MR PEART—He has been wrongly informed. Australia was asking us to pay a price higher than for EEC sugar of £180 a ton comparable with £156 a ton. on agriculture (Cambridgeshire, C)—The Commonwealth sugar agreement rans out next month and Mr Peart is talking about negotiating with the EEC soon. Has everything been arranged and contracts stends? contracts signed?

MR PEART—This has to be finally endorsed by the EEC. I did not ask for this; it is the nature of the EEC. I am amxious we get the old Commonwealth sugar agree-

valuable crop. In these respects

therefore substantial progress has been achieved since the committee

reported.

Much remained to be settled, not only on the arrangements to be made with the developing producers but also to insure that the sugar could be bought and processed in the most efficient and economical way. This meant that the cane refineries, particularly in this country, could be certain they would get the cane sugar.

The Government were deter-

The Government were deter-mined to press in Brussels for a

substantial proportion of these imports to be reserved for these refinerles, as in the Commission's

original proposals. This was essential to protect employment and investment in this important industry which, like the beet in-

dustry, was geared to a continuous process of production.

had secured a commitment from the Council to take whatever steps were uccessary to make good the Community's deficit in the coming

year. The subsidy would have exactly the same claim on the Community's funds as any other

item and there would be no fixed ceiling on expenditure.

ceiling on expenditure.

No doubt (he continued) there will be a balancing factor; but the point is that the Community have agreed that the sugar can be bought in the world market at world market prices and made available to Community countries at Community prices. This is an enormous guarantee. I can only assume that they understand what they have committed themselves to. This is the way the Community are proposing to work. The technical details still have to be worked out.

nical details still have to be worked out.

Lord Sainsbury had suggested that the Government were in error in not setting up the apparatus of rationing. The present abnormally high demand did not necessarily mean that such a step would be justified.

If (he said) one of our most important refiners and an adviser to one of our most important retailers (Lord Sainsbury) paint a picture of shortages then little children will rush out to get supplies wherever they can. There will be created this abnormally high demand.

The motion was agreed to.

The motion was agreed to. House adjourned, 8.4pm.

There had been mention of the

Community's scheme for subsidizing 200,000 tons of exports on the world market. The Government made clear that in view of the

Drop in fat cattle prices caused by heavy marketings

ture, Fisheries and Food (Workington, Leb), answering a series of questions about the beef situation, including the current low prices for fat cattle and the proposed 518. a cwt to beef producers, said-

The present low prices for fat cattle are the result of heavy marketings which are one-third higher than a year ego. Some of these cattle are of poor quality and are being blaughtered prematurely because of recent wet weather and arritery about fudder smoothes durbecause of recent wer weeking dur-anxiety about fodder supplies dur-Although there has ing the winter. Although there has been some improvement in auction prices in the last few days, the ikuadon remains serious.

In my speech during the debate In my speech during the debate on the Queen's Speech last week I described the measures the Government have taken to safeguard the future supplies of beef. More than £150m of support is being given to beef producers this year. The maximum support given to beef producers in any previous year was £80m in 1970-71. The additional filloom recently awarded to the dairy sector will also help to ensure a continuing supply of calves for beef production.

I am conducting an urgent survey to find out how much winter fodder is available and where it is. When we have established the facts we shall consider whether any fur-

Mr Wilson

unions will

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab)

MK SKINNER (SONSOVER, Lau) said: Now we are mopping up some of the mess left by the Tories, will the Prime Minister, before he next meets the CBI, compile a dossier of all the defaulting companies—(Conservative shout of "And

of all the derauting companies—
(Conservative shout of "And counciliors")—who failed to send in their returns in accordance with the counter-inflation policy of the Tory administration? Will be ask the CBI what he ought to do to get us out of this position?

When he meets the TUC will he tell them that although we failed to get the flom that was taken out of the charitable sources of the trade unions, it will be restored now we

MR HAROLD WILSON (Huyton,

Lab)—On the first part, presumably he is referring to parts of the Counter-Inflation Act dealing with the price code. This must be a matter for the Price Commission. We have asked the Secretary of State to look into this question.

The second part of the question—on the £10m—relates to a Finance Bill matter and I cannot anticipate Tuesday's Budget.

Without anticipating the Budget (he added later) the Chancellor did say that the avoldance of a

lurch to unemployment would be a high priority. The problem we face, in spite of the recent impro-

vements in the unemployment str-uation over a short period, Is a world problem and a matter for

world statesmanship to ensure that we do not lurch into recession as a result of the world oil situation.

MR HEATH, Leader of the Opposition (Bexley, Sidcup, C)—On Mr Skinner's question about the £10m, the Prime Minister rep-

tied that this was a budgetary mat-ter if action was to be taken. Can he give a firm assurance that un action will be taken by the Govern-ment to attempt to refund the

decision taken by Parliament in the

last minority Parliament, the Government do intend to act on this matter, but we must leave any questions on this to the Chancel-

MR KENNETH LOMAS (Huddersfield, West, Lab) asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer the

negrous of the Exchequer the-present value of the salary of an MP in terms of the value at the latest increase in 1971; by what proportion it had dropped and by how much it should be increased to bring it in line with the latest cost of fiving index.

MR ROBERT SHELDON, Minis-

MR ROBERT SHELDON, Minister of State, Treasury, in a written reply, said: The basic salary of a Member of Parliament was last increased (to £4,500) in January 1972. Taking the internal purchasing power of the pound steeling as 100p in January 1972 its value in September, 1974 (the latest dare available) was 741p; the value of £4,500 was therefore about £3,350 equivalent to a fall of 25.5 per cent. £4,500 would need to be increased by £1,525 in order to match increases in retail prices since January 1972. These estimates are made on the basis of the change in the General Index of Retail Prices.

MPs' salaries

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MR PRART—I cannot accept that I am bound by the Community. (Conservative pro-tests.) The Conservatives decided-to end the guarantee and enter the needed.

I am also considering with my colleagues the problems resulting from the importation of Irish cattle. I must point out, however, that this is a tradicional trade and the greater part of these cause are imported as stores for further fattening by farmers in this country. The numbers imported for immediate slaughter are only a very small percentage of our total weekly slaughterlings of cattle.

She john Langroud Hold (Shrewsher), C)—The simution is desperate for beef farmers and the minister's words that returns should improve are wholly in The real concern at the moment is the need for an assured return to producers. I described last week the changes needed in the beef regime to bring this about. We all recognize the seriousness of the

MR DALYELL (West Lothian, Lab)—What are we to tell Scottish farmers about the export of cow beef cattle?

MR MILLS (West Devon, C)—
Will he accept that he has misled
and deceived the British beef
farmer over the promise of the £18
2 Cwt? (Conservative cheers.) This
is particularly cruel in view of
their experiences, and will he use
the intervention guarantee in some
form or another or bring in an form or another or bring in an immediate beef guarantee?

It used to be "Good old Fred" but now it is "Fred who misted the beef producers of this country."

Community and they would not defy the Community. I have decided to approach the Community on this matter.

SIR JOHN LANGFORD-HOLT

MR PEART—One of the reason for the present low grice of fat cartle is the heavy marketing, which is one-third higher than a year ago. It was the Conservatives who asked producers to go into beef out of dairy.

recognize the seriousness of the present situation and I shall do all I can to get urgent action to this end at the Council of Ministers meeting on November 18. MR PEART—Mr Dalgell is anxious about the O'Brien report. There are people in this House who, believe this should be stopped. I probably have a different view, but I must come to a decision and the House has to debate it. We have had to have consultations with our suppliers.

(Conservative protests.) MR FARR (Harborough, C)— Mr Peart has been baffled in Brus-

Littleton Theatre would require subsidy of £2.5m; but that was the

It was not the Government's in

when it would be material goals more not less should be spent on the arts because if one could not achieve material goals one could at least achieve one's spiritual and artistic

MR FREUD (Isle of Ely, L) said

hampton, North-East, Lab) said television ought to be persuaded to put something back—and television creamed off a great deal of the telema-by supporting the living theatre, from which it gained its own life.

MR FAULDS (Warley East, 18)

seis and noodwinked in Luxent-bourg by the Europeans and even if he had the desire, he has not the ability to help the producers at this time.

Can he look into the question of the large multi-national meat com-panies which own slaughterhouses

Revaluation of rates put

panies which own staughternouses in many of the best parts of British and which have excluded home-grown beef and are slaughtering Jrish beef cattle? MR PEART—I will look into this. I believe that I got a good package deal and it was approved by many Cohservative MPs. It gave the dairy farmers the biggest award they have ever had.

award they have ever flat.

MR (LEDWYN HUGHES (Anglessy, Lab)—The money being paid out in the beef premium scheme which Mr Peart introduced in all good faith is not reaching the producer it was intended to help. Will the minister institute an immediate inquiry into that scheme?

On fodder, which is vital to the store cattle producer, how argently is this being examined? When can he make a statement?

MR PEART—This is being considered now, and I will make a statement as soon as possible. The premium system was a good system approved by the farmers' unions but it could be improved. I am going to Brussels in November and I will raise the matter then.

MR. STEPHEN ROSS (Isle of Wight, L)—Will the minister look at the system whereby dairy farmers are still getting substantial grants to change over from dairy to beef?

MR PEART-I will do that.

MR PYM, Opposition spokesman on agriculture (Cambridgeshire, C)—Mr Peart's unitateral act in opting out of intervention approached aimost criminal folly. We have been hoping that the minister would meet his £18 a cwt commitment but the situation is worse than that.

worse than that.

A report in the Western Mail said that one of his officers calculated that farmers would do better to accept £4 instead of keeping their carde throughout the winter. Will he take action before many of these farmers are ruined?

MR PEART-Mr Pym know that even within the Community intervention has not worked. I thought the Conservatives wanted support in the market in the sense of a guarantee system? I very much prefer that. I would prefer to have something in the market dif-ferent from intervention.

Later during business questions MR HEATH, Leader of the Opposition, said they would wish to have a debate on agriculture after Mr Peart had had fils talks in the Council of Ministers.

Opening of National Theatre delayed

MR HUGH JENKINS, Under Secretary for Education and Science (Wandsworth, Putney, Lab), moving the second reading of the National Theatre Bill, said it would remove the present statutory restriction on the total Government contribution to enable the tory restriction on the total Government contribution to enable the theatre building to be completed. It was expected the Exchequer contribution, due to the rising costs of building, would be not less than fim. The task of bringing the project to completion had not been easy. The building work on the main structure and fixting out of the theatre had proceeded more slowly than had been hoped. In part this was due to delays arising from the three-day week last winter; there had also been a shortage of some categories of workers, and of some crucial rage of some categories of workers, and of some crucial materials.

It would not be possible for the It was not the Government's in-tention that the theatre would become a sort of public Centre Point, but on a guarantee he could not confirm specific figures MR ST JOHN-STEVAS said he hoped there was no question of reducing that annual grant to theatres outside the National Tractice in an effort to nick up theatre to open, as originally hoped, on April 23, 1975. It was for the National Theatre Board to decide what the new opening date would be. It was not yet possible to make an accurate estimate of the final notal of additional contributions required but it was expected the Theatre in an effort to pick up some money for it.

At a time of economic crisis when it would be much more diffi-

required but it was expected the excess cost would be not less than £2m. The Greater London Council had agreed to recommend a contribution of up to film or 50 per cent, on the understanding that the balance of expenditure would be found by the Exchequer. New arrangements had been made with the South Bank Theatre Board to control the expenditure.

We are in the National Theatre (he said) declaring our faith in the power of our language to compower of our language to com-municate and the ability of our creative and interpretative artistes

to express themselves.

(Cheimsford, C) said the Opposition supported the Bill in principle. The theatre they were told
would cost £12m, which was not
very expensive when compared to
the cost of the Sydney Opera
House. It was of immense importance for the future and would
affect the lives of millions of people, their outlook, their horizon,
and their vision of life.
When it was about to become a When it was about to become a reality, the critics were at workand it was extraordinary there should be this carping. Discounting the jealousy and the sheer theatri-cal bitchiness by some in the theatre world, there was, the genuine fear that theatres outside. London would be starved of funds

in order to finance the National its own me.

A national theatre built at the expense of the Ilving theatre elsewhere would not be a national theatre at all and it would be better not to have it if that was the price to be paid.

One had to consider theatres in other parts of the country, and in that context there should be an inquiry by the Government into the Criterion Theatre situation.

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MR FAULDS (Warley, East, Lab) said he had to admit a certain Lab) said he had to admit a certain the projects of these times of financial stringency about the apparent prospects of the arrest the feeling that there were graved that context there should be an inquiry by the Government into the Criterion Theatre situation.

The Bill was read a second time.

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Oil subsidy for growers not to be continued

SIR DEREK WALKER-SMITH (East Hertfordshire, C) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food what proposals he had for the continuance of oil subsidy for the hortfcultural industry.

for the horticultural industry.

MR STRANG, Parliamentary
Secretary, said in a written reply:
The oil subsidy was made available
intil December 31, 1974, to cushion growers against the sharp and
mespected increase in oil costs
which occurred when it was too
late for them to make major
changes in their production plans
for the 1974 season. In present
circumstances, we have no proposals for its continuance.

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MR JOHN SILKIN, Minister for Planning and Local Government the reason he could not welcome the Bill, said its purpose was to postpone the 1978 revaluation. The statutory five-year cycle would start again from 1981. doubt the Criterion would be pre-served for proper theatrical use.

MR ST JOHN-STEVAS said the whole of the arts budger was fl8.am compared with the educa-tion budger of nearly £4,000m. For the National Theatre, he had figures of £1.15m a year for occu-pancy and management; £1.95m for the Olivier Theatre and £2.5m for the Utition Theatre, it was vital the Olivier Theatre and £2.5m for the Littleton Theatre. It was vital there should be a guarantee that this money would be provided.

MR JENKINS said the cost of the subsidy for running the building was £1.15m; the Olivier Theatre only would cost £1.95m and to operate the Olivier Theatre and the Littleton Theatre would result a

MR ROSSI (Haringey, Hornsey, C) said the Conservatives would have coupled with the Bill other measures which would have meant the complete dismanding of the rating system for domestic ratepayers. They would needed to postpone it.

objectives.

MR FREUD (Isle of Ely, L) said the project needed a lot of money, and he was keen that it should be given. What I am frightened shout (he said) is that if this money goes to the National Theatre there might be other branches of the industry which would suffer.

SIR ANTHONY MEYER (West Flint, C) said he had been associated with this project all his adult life. His grandfather provided the money necessary to keep alive in practical terms the ideas of men like Bernard Shaw when they put forward the idea of a National Theatre. There had been controversy whether a building was necessary to the project would be allowed to die in periods of financial stringency.

MRS RENEE SHORT (Wolverhampton, North-East, Lab) said The real effect of revaluation was to adjust the rate burden as equitably and justly as possible between one ratepayer and the next as the properties they occupied became more or less valuable. They had been told it was being postponed because it coincided with the work of the Layfield Inquiry into Local Government Finance But was not the postponent

about Layfield.

The rating system, with all its inequities and regressive nature, was at risk of losing consensus acceptance and as a result could readily break down. The troubles and protests of the current rating year would be nothing to those of next year, when it was authoratively forecast that rates would go up another 50, 50 or even 100 percent in some parts of the country.

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cent in some parts of the country.

Instead (he said) of tackling energenically and with determination the real problem as regards rating, instead of introducing measures to alleviate the hardship suffered by domestic ratepayers and small businessmen what we have to waste time upon is this piece of tomfoolery before us today which at best is designed to facilitate nationalization of land and at worst to gerrymander the next general election.

MR IAMES MARSHALL (Lei-

MR JAMES MARSHALL (Leicester, South, Lab) said revaluation shifted the extent of payment between individual ratepayers and different classes of ratepayers. Delay in revaluation could exacutate the differences between one ratepayer and another, and be-tween one class of ratepayer and another.

The rating system was regressive, but it ensured the independence; to some degree, of local government from the interference of central government. He charished that independence. He would not support any policy which tried to reduce that inde-

back until inquiry on finance is completed

The Bill did not deal with the wider issue of the rating system in general which was being examined in detail by the Layfield Committee of Inquiry into local government finance. The Government would have to await the committee's report before taking decisions about changes in the present system.

The committee's recommend-The committee's recommendations would come at the end of next year. There must then be a proper period for reconsideration of the report and a further period for legislation should that be necessary. To set in motion preparations for a 1978 revaluation which maker never be put into effect. ations for a 1976 revariant on winch might never be put into effect would be an irresponsible waste.

It was time that the basis of local finances should be examined. The Government's proposals on land had nothing to do with the postponed revaluation.

Anxiety

They would not have

Was it merely coincidence that revaluation was postponed until the last possible date, or was if something more premeditated? Each time ratable values were adjusted, for the majority they were adjusted upwards. Anxiety was caused because of the fear that it meant an increased rate bill.

Finance. But was not the postponement prejudging and preempting the inquiry's report? That was the interpretation of the Association of County Councils, the Association of District Councils and the Association of Metropolitan Districts. It led them to assume that the minister had already made up his mind about Layfield.

grounds suggested by the minister. There was evidence that the local authority associations were critical of the proposal in the Bill, and there was justification for this. It was not wrong to prejudge the Layfield Committee recommendations; indeed the fact that the Government were proposing to delay revaluation was an indication of their thinking to the committee.

MK STEPHEN ROSS (Isle of Wight, L) said the Government were taking the easy way out by proposing postponement. One might put pressure on the Chancellor to give relief to small shopkeepers with gross values of about
£1,000. He had, after all, given
relief to domestic ratepayers in
this financial year.

MR GRAHAM PAGE (Crosby C) said that if the Government has their way there would be no more private property to let bur only council property, and no rental market on which the valuations could work. Under their land municipalization proposals there would also be no commercial property available for development.

MR DURANT (Reading, North hard hir and in his constituency the number of closures was alarming. It would soon have vast tracts without small shops.

MR CARTWRIGHT (Greenwich, Woolwich, East, Lab) said that 1 earlier this year until he became an MP, he was a member of the Layfield Committee and they had a difficult job to do. It might be that the committee said the rating system should be scrapped, reformed or retained in part and supple-mented by other forms of local government finance.

The Government were facing considerable difficulties on this

MR HURD (Mid Oxon, C) said they might have at least two or three years more of the present rating system operating under the worst conditions. He felt it would not survive that long.
Adding all the present circum-

MR HATTON (Manchester, Moss Side, Lab) said the Bill made sense only if it were accepted that there was a need to get local government finance once and for all on a sound and sensible basis. .

Inequities

MR SAINSBURY (Hove, C) said commerce and Industry had a greatly increased rate burden. It was becoming a major cost factor in retailing. If one left revaluation for as long as was suggested by the Bill the inequities between businesses were bound to increase. The rapid locrease in the rate burden had concentrated their minds on the inequity of this sort of taxation on individuals, particu-larly single person households. A nex which was unfair and getting higher and higher became even-tually a tax that was unacceptable. A much more urgent approach was needed to this unacceptable situation because otherwise rate-payers would no longer put up with the burden placed on them because it was an excessive burden and raised in an unfair way.

MR LEADBITTER (Hartlepool, Lab) said that MPs should stop once and for all tinkering about with local government and leaving local councillors to see in their own juice. They had too much in the past been involved with the presumption that all they had to do was pass legislation and pass the buck to the local authority.

House adjourned 10 40 pm. House adjourned, 10,40 pm.

Obesity: Less weight, more happiness

Contrary to popular belief, very lat people are not all Jolly extroverts; many tend to be withdrawn and uniserable and to have bouts of depression associated with an irresistible desire to eat large quantities of food.

Is their overesting a symptom of their underlying emotional disorders, or is it simply that their being too fat causes unhappiness, which leads to compensatory overrating?

An answer to that question has become possible since the introduction of the jejunal by-pass operation for obesity. Patients whose health is seriously threatened by their excessive weight can

psychologically disastrous, since it would be treating the symptom without attempting to solve the underlying emotional rrouble. In fact the seven patients have done well. They have all lost a lot of weight; several are now less than half their original bath. All are said to be more confident, happier and on bester terms with their markel partners. No longer are they subject to moods of depression, nor has any of them found the need to got on an "eating spree".

of 4 per cent. However, in those provement, these patients eat less in whom the by-pass is a success than before the operation. In part there is a rapid and apparently that may be explained by the dispermanent loss in weight.

but there may have been a para-doxical attraction in eating for-bidden food which has disappeared when, as a result of the by-pass operation, overcating has become neither dangerous to health nor a cause of guilt.

cause of guilt.

If overeating is, as psychologists argue, a self-punishing behaviour, then it is no longer effective in that way after the operation. However, a more simple explanation is just as likely to be true: eating relieves tension and very fat people may be caught up in a vicious circle in which their overweight causes depression and auxiety, which is relieved by overeating, which is relieved by overeating, which in turn maintains the excessive weight. The relief from depression that occurs as weight is depression to at occurs as weight is lost after the operation breaks into the cycle and so removes the psychological cause of the excesdepression that occurs as weight is ive appenite. By Our Medical Correspondent.

British Medical Journal. November 9, page 313. @ Nature-Times News Service.

[Judgments delivered November 5] of a right to claim compensation. The Lands Tribunal erred in for injurious affection which might critering that London Transport result from the working of the line. In 1970 her solicitors put in a claim on the ground that the noise and vibration of the trains had affected the value of the house. A Mr Matthews had offered \$18,000 should pay the costs, up to the offer " of £500, incurred by a claimant for compensation who re-fused the offer but recovered nothing before the tribunal. The Court of Appeal held that the number practice of our ordering a Mr Matthews had offered £18.000 for it, but then declined to buy because of the noise. Dr Pepys had eventually sold to someone else for only £15,850. She said the loss of £2.150 was due to the injurious affection. London Transport said the effect of the underground was no worse than that of a passing lorry and that the value had not diminished at ail. It was fair to say that they had bad only 10 or 11 claims and only three were active when the Lands Tribunal heard Dr Pepys's claim.

Before the reference London normal practice of out ordering a successful defendant to pay the costs of a party who fails to make out a claim should be followed unless special reasons were given for departing from it. Their Lordships allowed an appeal by the London Transport appeal by the London Transport Executive against part of an order as to costs made by the Lands Tribunal (Mr E. C. Strathon) on an unsuccessful claim by Dr Elizabeth Olga Pepys for compensation for injurious affection to a house in Gibson Square, Islington, attributed to the running of trains on the underground Victoria Line.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS offered unconditionally an amount

Before the reference London Transport put in a sealed offer. now known to be £500, to get rid of the claim. Dr Pepys did not accept it. She went on, and unfortunately lost; the tribunal said she had failed to establish that the market value had been depreciated by the running of the trains.

But having reached that decision Mr Kenneth Bagnzil, QC, and Mr Jonathan Gaunt for London Transport. Dr Peprs was not represented and did not appear, but But having reached that decision and opened the scaled offer the member of the tribunal said: "I the court took note of a letter from her setting out her grounds for opposing the appeal.

of £500; accordingly the acquiring authority will pay the claimant her costs of this reference up to the date of the sealed offer, and the claimant will pay the costs of the acquiring authority as from the date of the sealed offer."

London Transport had won, yet they were ordered to pay those costs. They wrote to ask the President of the Lands Tribunal whether that was a slip. The reply was that it was a matter in the tribunal's discretion and was not to be altered. So London Transport asked for a case to be stated on the question whether the tribunal "properly ordered the acquiring authority to pay the claimant her costs up to the date of the sealed offer having regard to the provisions of section 4 of the Land Compensation Act. 1961."

The Lands Tribunal Act, 1949, and the Lands Tribunal Rules made under it gave the tribunal quite a wide discretion as to costs. Mr Bagnall, however, argued that by reason of section 4 of the 1961 Act [the last three lines of subsection (3) of which refer to ordering the acquiring authority to pay the costs of the claimant so far as they were incurred after an offer of compensation was madelithe tribunal had no discretion as to costs incurred before the date of the sealed offer should not get those costs, though he said the practice of the tribunal was to award them. His Lordship thought the tri-Pepys v London Transport
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bunal's practice of giving the claimant his costs up to the date of the sealed offer if he was awarded a sum less than the offer was well justified under the starm tory provisions and that it was not correct that there was no distretory provisions and that it was not correct that there was no discretion on that matter.

But how was the discretion to be exercised where, as in the present case, the claimant had failed altogether? The practice of the courts, as also of tribunals and arbitrators, was that if a plaintiff or claimant failed altogether, no order was made whereby the successful party was to pay the costs of the plaintiff or claimant, except for very special reasons. If that rule was to be departed from, the tribunal or arbitrator or whoever it might be ought to set out the reasons, particularly where there was an appeal on costs to a higher court or tribunal which there was an appeal on costs to a higher court or tribunal which would want to see whether they were proner reasons. No sufficient reasons had been vouchsafed here, either in the case stated or in the letter from the Lands Tribunal registrar, as to why the tribunal should have ordered London Transport to pay Dr Pepys's costs up to the date of the sealed offer. That part of the order should not stand, leaving only the order that from the date when the sealed offer was communicated Dr Pepys should pay the costs—though his Lordship was very glad to hear that in the special circumstances London Transport did not propose to

The appeal should be allowed.

LORD JUSTICE ROSKILL, concurring, said that though in his view the stammory provisions gave the tribunal a complete discretion with regard to the costs incurred before as well as after the date of the sealed offer, that discretion had to be judically exercised. The member of the tribunal appeared to think that because Dr Pepys had been offered £500 which she refused she was entitled to have her costs up to the date of the sealed offer though is the end she recovered nothing.

That was wrong in law. However much one might sympathize with Dr Pepys, there was no difference between her and any other unsuccessful plaintiff who might have recovered less than an amount paid into court—unless there were reasons, which should be given, justifying departure from the normal practice.

SIR JOHN PENNYCUICK, also concurring, said that if the tribungal awarded costs in an unsuccessful SIR JOHN PENNYCUICK, also concurring, said that if the tribunal awarded costs to an unsuccessful claimant, it should give reasons for so doing. In the present case the tribunal did give a reason—but it was a bad reason. The fact that an acquiring anthority had seen fit to make an unconditional offer which was not accepted by the claimant was clearly but of itself a good reason for ordering the authority to pay the claimant's costs up to the date of the offer. Solicitor: Mr G. S. M. Birth.

Solicitor: Mr G. S. M. Birch.

Science report

whose health is seriously threstened by their excessive weight can now be treated by this procedure, in which 18 to 20ft of intensitie is by-passed so that most of any food earen is not absorbed from the digestive tract.

It is no easy remedy for obesity: after the operation most patients take about a year to adjust to the internal disturbances canned, and the mostality rafe is of the order of 4. per cent. However, in those

The operation has been pioneered in Britain at Birmingham
University, and psychiatrists there
have now had the opportunity to
observe its effects on seven
patterns whose obesity was associated with an urge to eat when
amyry, miserable or tense.
They were the sort of patterns
of whom it has been argued that
a by-pass operation might be
psychologically disastrous, since it
would be treating the symptom

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In addition to their loss of weight and their psychological improvement, these patients eat less than before the operation. In part



dent Giscard d'Estaing is welcomed on board the French par submarine Le Terrible by the commander, Captain ette.

nierod leneral in French ircraft row resigns

ris, Nov 7.—General Paul lin, former French Air e Chief of Staff, today re-ed as National Assembly president after widespread ges that he betrayed and interests by declaring rican jet fighters to be betthan French Mirages.

a brief press statement the eral-politician, who is 67, he left his lower chamber -presidency and left the cenpolitical party, the Reformdovement, "so as to be betable to defend himself". will retain his Assembly

rles Hargrove writes from is: President Giscard staing's decision to spend 24 rs on board the French lear submarine Le Terrible ; designed to reaffirm consively the Government's adence to an independent dece policy and the French

ional deterrent. He began his cruise in the lantic today, the first French esident to spend so long on ard a submarine. The gesture es on added significance with e political row provoked by e publication of the note of eneral Stehlin on the virtues Atlantic cooperation in deice generally and in aircraft struction in particular.

here was no one in Parlia-it yesterday on the right, the or even among his own ids of the centre ready ily to defend General Stehexcept M Jean-Jacques ran-Schreiber, who was ked by the outburst of inpour" and "treason" were ly bandied about in the Natd Assembly in scenes reminut of the Drevfus case, to te Le Quotidien de Paris. he Radical Socialist leader 1 aroused irritation himself tating that "anything which eral Stehlin can contribute public debate on the right enditure of the money of or nothern and the proper man-of defending France is per-ly correct and normal." ven Le Monde, generally ve in the defence of unpopucauses, condemns the Gen-, not for preferring Ameriaircraft to French, but be-

found its way to The Hague; and also because the "general deputy is also a businessman " and had turned himself into the "defender of the weapon of an American firm of which he has been the representative

The trade union of aeronautical and space industries said in a statement that "the last aeronautical activity of General Stehlin was that of representative for Europe of the American Hughes Aircraft Company, specialists in aircraft electro-ics, between 1964 and 1968. This activity does not qualify General Stehlin to judge the value of the European aircraft industry."

The announcement today that the firm had obtained from the United States Air Force a \$4m (£1.6m) contract for a radar system to equip the new American combat aircraft, the YF16 and YF17—which General Steblin preferred to Dassault's Mirage F1 M53—is regarded by M Marcel Dassault as confirmation that the General was 'merely demonstrating his gratitude to his former American employers"

quoted from a report by experts of the Rand Corporation in September, 1973, praising the industrial methods of his firm "which could, if adopted, transform American aircraft and the industry which produces them". When the American aircraft was operational, he proposed a mock combat with the Mirage to determine which was the

The veteran aircraft constructor added, in a radio inteview, that an aircraft in service for two years could not be compared with a prototype not yet operational. The Stehlin affair was not commercial. political

In fact the matter is highly political. It was exploited to the hilt by the Gaullists as a heaven sent opportunity for settling old scores with the reformers of M Lecanuet, and their pro-American "Atlanticist" sympathies; and driving a wedge be tween them and the Indepen-dent Republicans, President Giscard d'Estaing's own party.

Common agricultural policy as 'the last hope of cheap food' in view of 'world market anarchy'

M Jobert shows warmth for Britain

M Jobert, the former French Foreign Minister, asserted yesterday that the future of Britain and France lay together in a united Europe. In a review of the outlook for the European Community, M Jobert—though he has lost none of his aversion to American his aversion to Ame influences—demonstrated

remarkable warmth for Britain. "I am more than ever convinced", he told the Institute of Directors conference in. London, "that your future is with us and that the rendezvous our two countries have made with history must this The British demand for a

"renegotiation" of the terms of entry had revived many misgivings. "Is it really necessary to question again the very principles of the common agricultural policy", he inquired, "at a time when the state of anarchy prevailing on state of anarchy prevailing on the world market highlights its wisdom, and when it seems to offer the last hope of a 'cheap food nelice'?

contribution (which this year amounts to some 3 per cent of the increased cost of energy) in any way to be compared with the advantages Britain can expect to gain from Europe?

Questioning whether the alarm about the erosion of sovereignty reflected a misconception or an obsolete notion of the way in which Europe works, M Jobert went on "France, which after all is traditionally jealous of her independence and individuality, could be most relied upon to sound the alarm. The haggling which was now going on seemed irrelevant. The original vision of Europe

nal tariff was "a hollow shell". The agricultural policy, which was to be part of a larger entity, was the only thing which had endured. As for the common rules, a large number had in effect been shelved.

" Is the size of the budgetary when one discovers that, by some magic, these treaties, so often reviled, deemed to be a dead letter and therefore buried have nevertheless had undeni-

The true begetters of Europe's

Turning to the external situa tion, M Jobert found it incredible that the Community had been all too often more concerned with American interests than with its own.

"The reasons for this strange

The disclosure in The Times by Sir Joshua Hassan, Chief Minister of Gibraltar, of Spanish proposals for a new regime on the Rock drew acid comment in Spanish quarters yesterday.

Sir Joshua is shown, in the Spanish view, to have been less than frank. The decision to

existence of the proposals became known in Gibraltar and Sir Joshua was under fire for saying nothing about his contact with a Spanish represen-

Spaniards also argue that the

sals themselves show, because the framework of law for Gibraltar would include existing international treaties.

before any new regime for Gib-raltar took effect would be a between Britain

able results." economic expansion were, on the one hand, the industrialists, who saw its possibilities, and on the

other, the officials who realized that their partners too had contributions to make. All this resulted from the treaties.

had gone out of focus, M Jobert attitude are multiple: comsaid reviewing the state of the Community. The community constituted are multiple: community community. The community constituted as realism, cowardice disguised as realism, a basic lack of self-confidence unwarranted by economic facts; a concealed wish for fragmen-tation as well as a desire to make more powerful partners see reason." The countries of Europe had always seemed to be "Our attachment to the Com-re-enacting the history of the munities can be easily explained Greek city states.

publish the proposals was taken, to Gibraltar than Sir Joshua they believe, because the made clear, or than the propo-

One of these to be concluded

Spanish reaction to Rock disclosure

insisting on a full centre-left

Signor Saragat falls out with former ally

From Patricia Clough

Rome, Nov 7 The former Italian President, Signor Saragat, has created a sensation by accusing his Social Democrat Party comrade and former friend, Signor Tanassi, of failing to inform him about the abortive 1970 coup plot when he was in office and Signor Tanassi was Defence Minister.

Signor Tanassi, who is the party president, retorted by charging Signor Saragar with a defamation campaign, bordering on an attempt to lynch me morally". The motive, he said, was obviously political. The row between the two most

authoritative members of the Social Democrat Party, now bitterly divided over policy, burst on the scene at a particularly delicate moment in the month-old Government crisis, already complicated by the grave economic situation and revelations of fascist coup conspiracies.

The Prime Minister designate. Signor Moro, today reported to President Leone on the progress attempt to form a government.
Only last night Signor Moro
got the go-ahead from the secretary of his own Christian
Democrat Party, Signor Fanfani, to carry on in his efforts to form a minority Christian Demo-

crat Government with the par-liamentary support of the Socialists and Republicans and without—if necessary—that of the Social Democrats. The Social Democrats are still

tempts by Signor Fanfani to form just such a government failed because they imposed unacceptable conditions on the

other parties.
The Social Democrats who, under Signor Tanassi, have moved markedly to the right in recent years, make no secret of their desire for fresh elec-tion in which, it is believed, they hope to gain votes from conservatives disgusted by neofascist involvements in plots

and terrorism. Alone, they would be unlikely to succeed as their votes are not essential to a parliamentary majority. But it is suspected that a number of right-wing members of the Christian Democrat Party are thinking on the same lines and may yet torpedo Signor Moro's efforts.

In his statement last night, ignor Saragat said: "In Signor Saragat said: In December, 1970, when I was bead of state and therefore constitutionally in command of the armed forces, I was not in-formed by he who had the absolute duty to do so of whet was happening". "He" was clearly the Defence Minister, Signor Tanassi.

Signor Tanassi, in a state-ment today, did not reply to Signor Saragat's accusation but recalled that secret service information on the plot was passed on to the Interior Ministry and the judiciary, that Parliament was informed and several people arrested.

Accusing Signor Saragat of trying to "lynch me morally" he warned that no one should imagine that they could make him change his political judgcoalition, although earlier at ment with threats.

Britain does better in fight against inflation

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Nov 7

Comparing last September with September, 1973, Britain fared a good deal better than several other European Com-munity member states on both the inflation and unemployment fronts, according to figures collated by the European Commission from national statistics and published here today.

Two of the countries most successful in combatting infla-tion, West Germany and Hol-land, were among those worst affected by unemployment, and West Germany had more out of

work than Britain.
According to the figures, consumer prices rose in September 1974, by the following percentages against the same month in 1973: Italy 20.3, Ireland 17.9, Denmark 16.6, Britain 15.8, Belgium 15.6, France 14.7, Luxembourg 10.6, Holland 10.3

and West Germany 7.3.

The equivalent figures for the increase in unemployment, seasonally adjusted, were as follows: Denmark 144.7, West Germany 131.7, Holland 32.1, Britain 20.2, Luxembourg 11.2, France 9.2, Belgium 9.1, Ireland 7.1.

Italy, which could provide only the August figures, was the sole country to register an improvement of 0.4 per cent, but this still left 999.600 unemployed. It thus had both the highest number of unemployed and the binners increase in contract in the province of the binners increase in the binners i and the biggest increase in con



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Jessie was bombed out of Coventry. That was a sudden horror, and she was much younger. Now she has to endure a continuing torment: rooms so dilapidated that rain penetrates nearly everywhere. And rats, which return despite rat poison. She finds it too hard to cope now that she is old and has heart

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WEST EUROPE_

Aircraft lost bearings and 108 Britons died

Solothurn, Switzerland, Nov 7

A British charter aircraft which crashed into a hillside near Basle, Switzerland, in a blizzard last year killing 108 people had lost its bearings through navigational errors, a Swiss investigating team told a public inquiry here today.

Most of the dead were house-wives from the West of England on a one-day shopping trip to a trade fair in Basle.

There were defects in the aircraft's radio navigational equipment and this, combined with bad weather and poor reception of radio beacons, considerably impeded the work of the crew, the Swiss team's report said.

The two-day hearing is being conducted on the basis of a 400-page Swiss report which says that information from the flight Decca recorder was that the crew did not observe the proper instrument approach and overshoot procedures and lost their bearings in the Basle area.

At least by implication, however, it also poses the question whether the pilots could not have been warned earlier by Basie Mulhouse airport that the Vanguard with its 139 passengers and six crew was off course and already south of the airport in proximity to rising ground. It was snowing heavily with visibility at that height down to

about 20 yards. "The analysis of the (flight Decca) recordings shows that navigational errors must have led to this loss of orientation," the report adds. "The bad meteorological conditions with the well-known poor reception of the medium-wave beacon and the defects in the aircraft's radio navigational equipment which existed previously impeded the work of the crew con-

siderably." The defects were technical faults in the radio navigational equipment "which existed before the accident"—including a sticking indicator needle Another radio instrument fault which was noticed and reported verbally by pilots on April 9, the day before the crash, was not entered in the aircraft's maintenance logbook, the report continues.

fore not checked. It could not be ascertained whether the crew of the accident aircraft were

At today's hearing the Swiss investigators described as regrettable the French authority's refusal to permit the air controllers who had bandled the Vanguard that morning to be present at the hearing. They are being repre-sented by their chief air con-

troller.
This was apparently because the hearing is taking place out-side France. While Basle-Mulhouse airport is in French territory it is operated jointly by the French and Swiss, with the former being responsible

for air control.

A Swiss official said today he failed to understand the French attitude on this, "all the more so as it is not a judicial proceeding but a public hear-

Ig ...
The report also says the investigation brought to light failures and discrepancies in the flying career of Captain A. N. Dorman, who acted as pilot in command on the flight from Bristol to Basle.

"For example", it adds, "he did not pass the flying test to obtain the instrument rating until the ninth attempt in January, 1971. "His total flying experience could not be established, as the personal flight logs found con-tain a great number of discre-

pancies and are therefore to a large extent, unreliable." Solothurn, Nov 7.—Relatives of the victims-from Axbridge, Cheddar, Yatton and Congresbury-were among about 150

people crowding a dimly-lit schoolroom hall where the inquiry was beld. There were gasps of horror when a 10-minute colour film made by police at the crash scene showing mutilated bodies and dismembered limbs in bloodstained snow was pro jected for the commission.

The Swiss report said the aircraft made two landing approaches to Basle airport but turned away both times. During a third approach the crew reported they were north of Basle, but Basle air traffic controller told them by radio be though they were south of the city.

Political pressures alleged in wine fraud trial

Bordeaux wine fraud trial, a about so as to make it a scandal." lawyer told the court today.

The court was hearing pleas for the 18 defendants charged with fraudulently adulterating or mislabelling Bordeaux wine. M Roland Dumas, for M François George, a wine dealer, alleged strong ministerial pres-sure in the case and a "political

The trial is taking place five months after the presidential election in which M Jacques Chaban-Delmas, the former Prime Minister and mayor of Engles of the Chaban Services of the Chaban Serv Bordeaux, was eliminated in the Minister of Finance.) irst round as a Gaullist candi date and rival of M Giscard d'Estaing. M Chaban-Delmas had widespread support in his political fief.

M Dumas, a Paris lawyer, went on: "At the time the facts one in Burgundy and another in Presse.

Bordeaux, Nov 7.—Political Bordeaux. The first was snuffed scores were being settled in the out and the second was talked

> First the Bordeaux wine scandal had been damped down and then it had been given new impetus "by a faction of the then political regime which had borne down with all its weight on the legal base for proceed-

> ings".
> He went on: "Everything was done on the hierarchy sys-tem. Tax officials sent their report to the Minister of Finance and we know who was Minister of Finance then and what he has now become." (M Giscard d'Estaing was then

The judge asked M Dumas to give his attention to the fraud trial and the lawyer then said that M George had known nothing of the fraud.

The trial is expected to end tomorrow, but the panel of three judges is unlikely to give (of the alleged fraud) were three judges is unlikely to give revealed in August, 1973, there its verdict for several weeks.—were two wine fraud affairs, Reuter and Agence France

French call for a | Nine agree to 'releasing of the brakes'

From Our Own Correspondent

Paris, Nov 7 M François Ceyrac, president of the French employers' federation, called, in a television interview today, for a "releas-ing of the brakes before it is too late".
The postal strike, he said, had

occurred when the state of the economy had taken a sharp turn for the worse. It had cut off firms completely from their customers and their banks. M Chirac, the Prime Minister,

issued a grave warning about the damage to the economy of the present wave of labour un-rest. "The consequences can be very serious for the country and the wage earners themselves ". he said. Strikes continued to spread, however, especially on the railways.

The postal workers' strike, now in its twenty-first day, shows no sign of coming to an end. The latest proposals, sub-mitted by the Post Office yes-terday, were rejected.

clean up major rivers

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Nov 7

As part of the European Community's anti-pollution cam-paign, EEC member states today agreed to improve the quality of their river water over the reduce pollution levels in such rivers as the Rhine, the Seine and the Thames so that their waters can be used more safely for drinking purposes.

Meeting in Brussels, environment ministers of the Nine adopted new legislation defining maximum pollution levels in surface waters, but only after a long wrangle between the Bene lux countries and the West Ger-mans and the French.

The Dutch, who calculate that it will cost more than £300m a year to purify the Rhine, the Meuse and the Scheldt for drinking purposes, wanted a firm commitment from their two

Damning report on French oil company practices

From Our Own Correspondent

Paris, Nov 7 The parliamentary committee which was set up last June on a proposal of M Georges Mar-chais, the Communist leader, to investigate the practices of oil companies in France has produced a highly damaging report.

It asserts that the oil companies take great liberties with the rules of the market and the law, of the land; they pay practically no tax; cheat on in-formation regarding their prices and access to crude oil; carve up the market among themselves; and behave towards the state almost as a "sovereign to

or foreign, as the newspaper Le Monde points out today.

Me Laurent Schwartz, the

that "the oil industry does not give the example of an activity which opens itself spontane-ously to investigation".

The Rapporteur asserts that the Compagnie Française des Petroles (CFP) and the Entre-prise de Recherches et d'Acti-vités Petrolières (ELP) paid no company tax in France and their subsidiaries have even re-covered two-thirds of what they had paid in taxes.

On the creation of industrial cartels, the report finds the two French oil companies even more enterprising than foreign companies. They even acted as a screen for the subsidiaries of

foreign firms.

The conclusion of the report is that control of the oil companies by the state is inade-quate. No government depart-Gaullist Rapporteur of the comment entirely covers the activimitee, says euphemistically ties of ELF, for instance.

OVERSEAS.

Democrats' victory continues at state level

From Fred Emery Washington, Nov 7

With state legislature election returns, like aftershocks of the national upheaval, showing Democratic control running still deeper, President Ford today ried putting it all behind him. It is the second anniversary

of Mr Nixon's 1972 "lonely landslide" return to the White House, but Mr Ford was now depicted looking ahead. The budget, to be presented in January, is urgent. The diplomacy of his visit to the Far East in 10 days time needs active preparation for his meetings with Japanese, Korean and Soviet leaders.

There was also speculation, inevitably discounted, that he was considering inviting Demo-crats into his cabinet. Many of its members, inherited from his predecessor look and sound

Congress, the lame duck one, is to reconvene while Mr Ford is in Japan. Senator Mansfield, Democratic majority leader in the upper chamber, has met Mr Ford to assure him that "cooperation is the word". He insisted, although he could hardly speak for it, that the new Congress would not be out to "deman" Mr Ford.

All kinds of brave new worlds are depicted in utterances from leading Democrats. Congress will act if the President will not, say both Mr Robert Strauss, Democratic national committee chairman, and Mr Carl Albert, Speaker of the House, still directly in line to succeed the President should the vacancy occur before Mr Rockefeller is confirmed as Vice-President.

In fact, most Democrats recognize their new majorities as both opportunity and hazard. They were elected not for what they proposed but, largely, through disgust with the Nixonian mess, both Warergate and the economic decline. Democrats know better than

anyone that they have no coherent plan on anything. They face opprobrium if they miss the opportunity to be constructive and cease partisanship. In a phrase, people here, as virtually everywhere, are fed up and want their leaders to lead instead of politicking.

The final party standings are being delayed by an extra-ordinarily close Senate race in North Dakota Oklahoma and New Hampshire also face recounts. All are Republican.

In North Dakota they must now count the absentee and now count the absence and postal ballots to decide. The incumbent, Senator Milton Young, is in various reports given a lead of between four and 16 with all Tuesday's vote

Assuming all Republicans hold on, the Senate Democratic majority would be 61—39, counted here as a net gain of three, although it represents an electoral gain of four over 1972. The close governor's race in Alaska is also waiting the count from all far-flung villages in far-flun that wilderness.

However, Republican debacle in the House of Repre-sentatives (with a loss of 44 eats) is matched by similar collapse in elections to state legislatures. Today the Republicans are left in control of both houses in only five of the 50 states-down from 16 after the 1972 election.

This is the worst since their 1938 nadir, and it means they lose control of vital patronage appointments and state government levers, seen here as vital for rebuilding the party's

organization. Among these state results, Democrats took control of both chambers in Illinois, Delaware and even a farm stronghold like Iowa. Ironically, only in Mr McGovern's South Dakota did the Republicans make a gain

Maine will have the best chance to try proving the system of checks and balances works at state level. They have elected a Republican senate, a Democratic house and an Independent governor. The sweeping Democratic

in local legislative control.

gains in the House of Representatives have come in all main population regions and have been attributed to sharp vote switches. The Democrats gained 15 congressmen in the Middle West and woo back nine in the South, where Republicans had been gaining ground since 1952, even though Louisiana defied the trend by adding another Papublican Republican.

Mr Andreas Papandreou, leader of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement Party, greets Miss Melina Mercouri, the actress, who is one of his candidates.es.

Monarchy election issue in Greece

From Our Correspondent Athens, Nov 7

The future of the monarchy in Greece is becoming one of the principal issues in the election campaign as political parties try to force Mr Constantine Karamanlis, the Prime Minister, to commit himself publicly for or against the return of the King to his throne.

Mr Karamanlis and his New Democracy Party, which includes both royalists and which republicans, has so far evaded the issue and avoided disunity before the elections. The Prime

Terrorists

defy state

of siege in

Argentina

towards chaos.

soldiers.

Buenos Aires, Nov 7.-Guer-

rillas today defied the drastic

way station. A guerrilla group, saying it belonged to the out-lawed People's Revolutionary Army (ERP), distributed litera-

ture and spray-painted the sta-tion with revolutionary slogans.

The incidents were all in the style of the ERP, which has declared it would kill 14 to 16

Army officers in reprisal for

number of guerrillas captured in August. It offered a truce to

the Government recently in ex-

change for captured members. Senora Peron rejected the

truce. Under the state of siege,

security forces can arrest sus-pects at will and hold them without trial. People can be

banished to remote corners of

the country and public meetings are banned.—AP.

British hospitals

By Defence Correspondent
About 40 Egyptian servicemen who were wounded in the
October War are to be flown

to Britain for special treatment

in service hospitals. The arrangement has been made at

the request of the Egyptian

The Ministry of Defence is

not disclosing either the date

not disclosing either the date of their arrival or the hospitals concerned, for security reasons. But the treatments being pro-vided, which are not available in Egypt, cover a wide spec-trum, including surgical, ortho-paedic ophthalmic and skilled

plastic surgery.

The Egyptian Government will pay in full for the treat-

improving relations, talks are continuing on possible arms purchases by the Egyptians from Britain.

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Minister has been urging the being asked to vote for " in an parties to avoid the constitutional issue as the people would decide on it by referendum before the end of the year. A constitutional decree passed last month ruled that the

referendum on the monarchy must be held within 45 days of the general elections, which are due on November 17. The other main Greek parties—the Centre Union, the Socialist Movement and the Communist Party already have declared them-selves in favour of a republic. Mr Karamanlis's refusal to be drawn into the argument gave rise to leftist assertions that there was a plan to scrap the referendum and impose the monarchy after the elections.

Professor Andreas Papandreou. the Panhellenic leader of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement, in fact launched the campaign slogan: "Which Constantine are you

allusion to the exiled King Constantine and Mr Karamanlis's Christian name.
Now Mr George Mavros.
leader of the Centre Union, who

was deputy Premier and Foreign Minister in Mr Karamanlis's first Cabinet, and countersigned the constitutional decree on the referendent, has challenged Mr Karamanlis and his party to make clear their views on the monarchy.

Speaking to correspondents in Patras after a campaign speech last night. Mr Marros said that

nothing could prevent the next Parliament from abolishing the constitutional decree, call off the referendum and impose its own solution on the question of the monarchy.

Mr Karamanlis himself has

intimated to close friends that he does not believe the King stands any chance of returning to Greece.

state of siege imposed by President Isabel Peróu. They murdered an Army officer, destroyed military vehicles and seized a railway station. The state of siege was decreed yesterday as Señora Perón's ultimata wasanga against the terror. Mr Herbert Miller, Mr Nixon's lawyer, who submitted a

mate weapon against the terrorism which has Argentina edging Major Hector Lopez was shot The numerous lawyers in-volved in the case were saying

dead in Santa Fe, 300 miles north of here. A terrorist group opened fire on the officer, who was stepping into a military vehicle guarded by several Other guerrillas set fire to some 20 Army buses parked in a factory ground just north of Buenos Aires.

A third guerrilla operation took over the Avellaneda rail-

possibility that Mr Nixon might be interrogated by a representative of the court in California, and that a film of the interview might then shown to the court.

hearing the case, mentioned the

oppose such a suggestion, on

Mr John Erhlichman, one of

Court to consider filming Mr Nixon's evidence

Washington, Nov 7

The court hearing the Watergate cover-up trial was told today that Mr Richard Nixon would be unable to take part in "any activity requiring substantial mental or physical effort " for two to three months.

four-page memorandum on the former President's health, argued further that "it will be an indeterminate time before he has recovered sufficiently to travel any significant distance ".

10 days ago that the trial might be over by Christmas. That would seem less likely now, but it is clear that it will finish within the two or three months mentioned by Mr Miller. Judge John Sirica, who is

Mr Miller would undoubtedly

the ground that Mr Nixon will not be fit enough to face a cross-examination. The defendants who have subpoenaed him, will presumably argue that a sustained and thorough examination of the former President is essential to

the defendants, who used to be Mr Nixon's chief adviser on domestic affairs, has already called for a mistrial on the ground that his defence is irremediably prejudiced by Mr Nixon's unavailability as a wit-

Royal Navy team ends bomb disposal task in Suez Canal

By Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent

which has been carrying out a bomb disposal job on the Suez Canal for the past seven months, sailed from Alexandria yester-

day, its job completed.

Its task has been to help clear the canal of the deadly ordnance which has accumulated there over nearly eight years of Arab-Israeli conflict, so that dredging operations can begin to prepare for the canal's

of shells and bombs are feared to be deeply embedded in the sandy bottom. But these will probably come to light during dredging operations.

The task group has consisted of 260 men, under the command of Commander David Husband, four vessels-the command ship Abdiel and the minehunters Wilton, Bossington and Maxton
—and a fleet clearance diving

Mrs Hart defends **British food** aid role

From Peter Nichols Rome, Nov 7

The British case had chance of a second hearing the World Food Confere here today with the arrival Mrs Judith Hart, Minister: Overseas Development-whi was all to the good as there 1 been some feeling that stronger statement was require of British intentions.

However the rule that of one minister could address plenary session meant that i Hart would have been limit to speaking in one of the a mittees. Committee stateme must be brief and factual, av ing any general survey. But i Hart managed to cirmcum this restriction by speak twice: she spoke at len tonight after dinner at British Embassy and planne brief contribution to the c mittee discussions tomorroy

Her main point is that British role for the develop countries was to help them grow food for themselves. sees land reform and t distr. tion of incomes, as well as di-bution of food itself, as essential elements in deve ment. She found excessive sumption of proteins in countries sive". This was an attitude, said, increasingly shared young people in Britain.

She gallantly set out answer criticisms that the o of "something like 25,000; of fertilizer over the next ; or so", made yesterday in plenary session by Mr F Peart, the Minister of Agri ture, was unimpressive.

She enlarged on the role she saw it of British belp. Britain was a net importer fertilizers, the most effec aid that could be given in field was to use money know-how in helping develor countries to produce their o Since 1970, she pointed

Britain had committed π than £25m in helping Ir build three fertilizer factor mest week by Mrs Gandhi Indian Prime Minister. This more practical at phere in fact marked much

the day. The Americans set

pace of such a departure by (ducing two real farmers inspection and interrogation the press. Mr J. Merrill Anderson, pr dent of the Iowa Bureau F. ration, was instructive and the same time properly dow earth: "While we talk al the need for increased pro

tion in both the developing

the developed nations, we n talk frankly about who is go to pay for it." American farmers, he v on, had a number of questi to ask about increased proc tion to meet the food needs There can be no guarantee that all the explosives have now been cleared, because a number of shells and hearts. requiring a substantial inv

> fertilizer expenses. Mr Harold B. Steele, presid of the Illinois Farm Bure gave assurances that farmers America were "in sympa with the hungry of the work In fact their attitude w beyond sympathy "because r ducing food is our livelihood

ment in land and machinery

rapidly rising seed, pesticide

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large neighbours that they would bear much of the cost. Return of children denied to British mother

From Our Correspondent Melbourne, Nov 7

A Supreme Court judge in Melbourne has refused to order the immediate return to Britain of two children who are the centre of a custody battle. Mr justice Harris has been told by Mr Maurice Gurvich, acting for Mrs Maureen Violet Suther-land, the former wife of Mr David Norman Sutherland, that the father had taken the children—Jill, aged 9 and David aged 8—out of the legal custody of their English mother.

His client had been granted custody of the children under a British High Court consent order, Mr Gurvich said.

Mr Sutherland told the court that he brought the children to

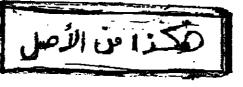
that he brought the children to
Australia last June "for their
own well-being".

"They were quite adamant that they wanted to stay here".

the name of Ford to avoid detection. They had developed a good circle of friends and were happy at school.

He himself had a good job as an advertising representative.
They had changed their name

They had changed their name primarily because of the children. When questioned by Mr Gurvich, Mr Sutherland said he and his wife took the children to Spain on a holiday and then brought them to Australia instead of returning to Britain. Mr Justice Harris said it was highly undesirable that the children should be shunted from one side of the world to the other, and while he sympathized with their mother he felt the children would be adversely affected emotionally and educationally if they were returned immediately to Britain. He criticized the father for having knowingly breached a court knowingly breached a court order. He ordere him to surren-der his passport until the matter Mr Sutherland said. He told the order. He ordere him to court that the children had been der his passport until the living in Melbourne with their yas considered again father and stepmother, using court later in the year. vas considered again by the



-salem, Nov 7

Kissinger, the American mary of State, arrived here ht to be met by urgent ines from his hosts over an rent shift in American lle East policy since the summit meeting at Rabat. l leaders have interpreted rks by President Ford and rificial spokesmen as indig a move towards recogniof the Palestine Liberation nization (PLO) as a nego-

e Israel Cabinet had earlier issed discrepancies between 'ord's statements and those nerican officials. Mr Allon, oreign Minister, expressed ern at the President's refers to the Palestinians and they would be taken up Dr Kissinger.

r over the West Bank and

the airport Dr Kissinger tred that there had been tange in Middle East policy this last visit. Israel miniwere seeking amplification us assurance tonight at a ing dioner in the home of Rabin, the Prime Mini-The status of the PLO in light of the Rabat summit's sion was expected to be the f topic of talks lasting into early hours.

elcoming Dr Kissinger at Mr Allon described the sions of the Rabat conferand the United Nations ation to the PLO to take in next week's General mbly debate as "counter-luctive" to achieving peace. Lissinger renewed his pledge the United States would peace on a step by step

arlier this week President d said that Israel should priate with either Jordan he PLO" his was described by Ameriofficials as a slip of the gue, but yesterday Mr Ron sen, the President's press kesman said Mr Ford stood

om Our Correspondent

ikara, Nov 7 The Turkish Government

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Under these conditions", said, "I'm afraid that Secre-

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iew of Turkish crisis

full consideration must be given to the legitimate interests of the Palestinian people if there is to be a just and durable settlement in the Middle East". The United States would try to assist the parties to get negoriations started.

The Israel Embassy in Washington claimed subsequently that American officials had denied that the statement represented any change of policy and had said that the United States had, neither in the past "or today", asked Israel to negotiate with the PLO.

Mr Rabin emphasized in the Knesset this week that Israel rejected totally the idea of negotiations with terrorists. Dr Kissinger is known to have come under pressure in Arab capitals to try to persuade Israel to modify its stand towards the PLO, and, in view of King Husain's insistence that Jordan has dropped out of the peace negotiations, he has little alternative but to seek some formula to soften Israel's line. His chances of success are small.

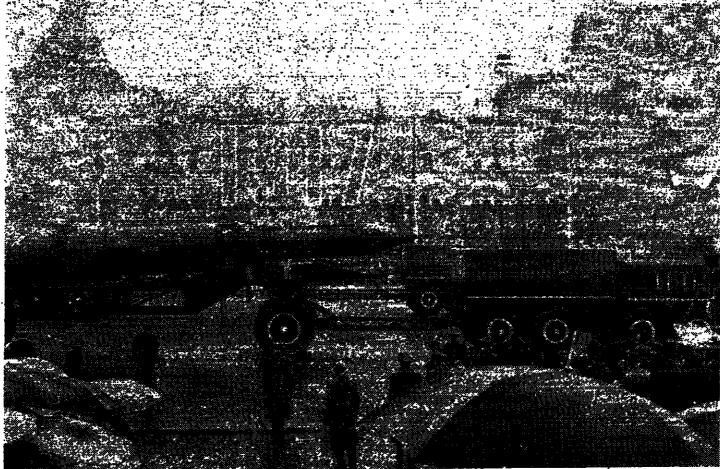
Some commentators here, by

microscopic analysis of Rabin's Knesset speech, have implied that he may have left a loophole as he did not name the PLO when he said that Israel "will not negotiate with terrorist organizations". The whole context of his speech, however, was a denunciation of the PLO and, in his reference to the Rabat summit, he accused Arab leaders of giving respon-sibility for the establishment of a Palestinian state to "organiza-

tions of murderers ". This seems to rule out re-consideration of the compromise suggested to the cabinet before Rabat by Mr Yariv, the Infor-mation Minister, that Israel should agree to negotiate with any party that recognized it as a sovereign state and which re-nounced intentions of destroying

sen, the President's press
Kesman said Mr Ford stood planned an 18-hour stay in the statement. Asked to Israel before heading for ify this, Mr Nessen said the Tunisia and then home.

24 hours as a result of con-flicting statements by Arch-bishop Makarios and acting



A missile is driven in the Moscow military parade yesterday past a crowd of spectators sheltering under umbrellas.

Peking's anniversary overture to Moscow

Moscow, Nov 7.—China told the Soviet Union today that they should hold talks aimed at the conclusion of a nonaggression treaty and the separation of forces in disputed part.

The proposals were made in message from Peking to Soviet leaders, marking today's fifty-seventh anniversary of the 1917 Revolution, according to official Chinese sources in Moscow.

The Krembn frequently has asserted that China consistently-rejected or ignored Soviet proposals for a non-aggression pact, and Chinese officials have indicated that they regarded the suggestion as "Russian hypocrisy".

However, the Peking message, as translated into Russian by the Chinese sources, said the

understanding reached at a meeting in September, 1969, between Mr Chou Eu-lai, the Chinese Prime Minister, and Mr Kosygin, his Soviet counter-

The message—seen as the most conciliatory known to have come from Peking to Moscow in recent years—also pledged that the Chinese Government would bend all efforts "to defend the revolutionary friendship" between the two peoples.

The message repeated assertions in past revolution anniversary messages from China to the Soviet Union that differ-ences of principle between the two countries should not hinder "the normalization of inter-state

It also said: "Above all, the mutual understanding achieved Chinese sources, said the in September, 1969, at the meet- Soviet chief negotiato was part of a mutual ing of the prime ministers of to Moscow.—Reuter.

the two states—that an agree-ment should be signed on non-aggression, non-use of force, maintenance of the status quo on the frontiers, the prevention of military conflicts and clashes, the separation of forces in disputed regions, and the solution of all frontier questions through talks—should be adhered to."

The message, which was not immediately reported by Soviet news media, appeared to mark a basic shift in official Peking attitudes to Moscow. Since 1969, the two countries

bave been intermittently dis-cussing their differences over the border question at talks in reported no progress. The talks are believed to have been in suspense since the summer, when Mr Leonid Ilyichev, the Soviet chief negotiator, returned

Edmund Stevens writes from Moscow: For the first time, the traditional civilian march past to celebrate the fifty seventh anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution was cancelled today because of the rain.

The military parade was held as usual. Braving the wet and

cold weather and the risk of pneumonia, Mr Leonid Brezh-nev, the party leader, led the members of the Politburo up the steps to the parapet of the Lemin mausoleum, which like every thing else in Red Square had been thoroughly rejuvenated. Marshal Andrei Grechko, the the border question at talks in Minister of Defence, delivered Peking, but both sides have his customary brief opening reported no progress. The talks address. This time it was devoid of military bombast. emphasis was on peaceful co-existence in foreign policy and on the progress of the Soviet

economy. Leading article, page 17

S African ministers speak of need for reform in racial policies

From Michael Knipe Cape Town, Nov 7

The Turkish Government isis which has been simmering r nearly two mombs came to head today, resulting in the wellation of Dr Henry Kissin's one-day visit to Turkey.

American Secretary of e was to have arrived here occurred.

Alterial magazine, which was also occurred. South Africa's ruling Nationalist Party has begun, for the first time, to advocate to its supporters the need for reform instead of pandering to their racial pre-judices. Four Cabinet minis-ters called for changes in published here this morning, r Bulent Ecevit, the outig Prime Minister, told
inters after a 90-minute
ting with President Koruting with President Koruon a geographic basis." speeches at the party's Cape Province congress last night.
Their words were cautious by In contrast, Mr Clerides, in remarkably frank exposition international standards but unusual in the South African conthe Cyprus problem at a text, and appear to have been Nicosia public meeting last night, urged Greek Cypriots to designed to prepare the party's rank and file for radical adjustaccept such a solution as the ments to racial policies. Usually ministers use their party cononly way to reach a negotiated ater Mr Ecevit blamed the settlement. gresses to reassure the party congresses to reassure the party faithful that apartheid will be maintained as strongly as ever.

Mr P. W. Botha, the Minister of Defence, said the Government intended to remove all legislation which were converted.

This was the first time that Mr Clerides publicly urged such a realistic approach. If he had t on the conservative ional Salvation Party, his made such a statement before Nicosia Correspondent the Turkish invasion of last es: The search for a solu-to the Cyprus crisis bas July he would have been bran-ded a traitor by the majority n complicated in the past of Greek Cypriots.

Foreign Affairs, said that South his words were described as Africa's international image could be improved by the elimination of unnecessary irritations between the races.

The Deputy Minister of Bantu Administration suggested it was time that "unnecessary irritat-ing legislation, which was necessary in its time", should be removed from the statute books. Mr van der Merwe, the Minfor Coloured Affairs, emphasized the need to get rid of outworn practices

The Government's opponents been impressed by the radical change of emphasis among the Nationalist Party among the Nationalist Party leaders. When Mr Botha, the leader of the party in the Cape, described the people classified as Coloured as "brown South Africans", and said that "to share such things as cultural legislation which was contrary to the policy of fairness; and Dr H. Muller, the Minister of people is no threat to anyone

Very few cultural amenities

are shared at present. The ministers all emphasized, however, that they were not aban-doning their faith in the Republic's apartheid policies. Botha said he was not ashamed of apartheid, "but if it is implemented with clumsy fingers and heavy hands, it can lead to South Africa's going under ". Dr Muller spoke of the seri-

ousness of South Africa's posi-tion at the United Nations and gave a warning that world attitudes towards the Republic had sharpened as a result of the col-lapse of Portugal's policy in Africa. However, he contended that the Republic's reputation for oppression and violation of human dignity was largely due to a misconception of South Africa's policies.

Leading article, page 17 salute.

Simonstown to be trebled in capacity

From Our Own Correspondent Cape Town, Nov 7

South Africa is embarking on an extension of the Simonstown naval base which will treble its capacity.

When the extension has been completed in about five years, the harbour will be able to berth between 40 and 50 ships. The cost is estimated at about £10m.

the plan has been taken in the belief that whatever the outcome of the British Government's review of the Simonstown agreement, the base will still play an important role in the defence of the Cape sea route, according to government

The French destroyer Tour-ville sailed into Cape Town haryesterday to a 21-gun

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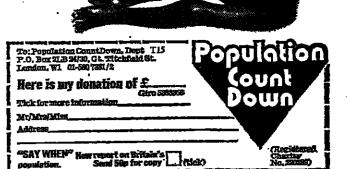
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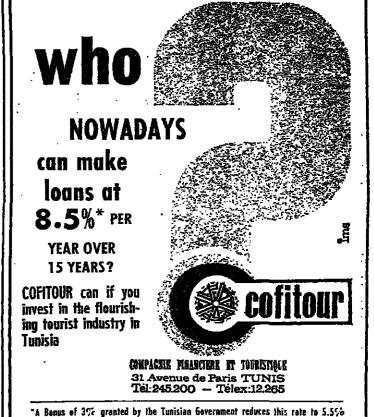
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0 casualties feared in ew Angola violence

uanda, Nov 7.—Violence order, nau not percentatives of the bodies.

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Luanda representatives of two of the three main Angola, the control of the control eversity hospital in a Luanda urb last night. According to lolan radio and newspaper orts, up to 50 people were ed or injured.

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Icanwhile, Dr Mario Soares,
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he trouble in the Augolan ital started when a white lian was slashed and beaten death by a gang of Africans terday. Firing broke out en soldiers went into the m area where the incident urred to fetch his body. One lier was killed by automatic

he exact number of dead : not immediately known, as troops, called in to restore

liberation movements deplored the violence. Mr Herminio Escorcio, representative of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, told re-porters that the trouble was "the work of bandits who are relics of colonialism". A commander of the Por-

tuguese counter-insurgency troops sent in to clear the slum area where the incidents occurred, said those responsible used automatic carbines, grenades, plastic explosives and machine pistols. Four hundred prisoners, arrested in the previous waves of violence in Luanda, have recently been released from the São Nicolau penal colony in sputhern Angola, and many who escaped from Luanda's prison in June are still at large. Spokesmen for police, military authorities and liberation movements suggested that Four hundred prisoners tion movements suggested that the recently released prisoners might be among those responsible for last night's violence. The latest outbreak of vio-lence came hard on the heels of

the disturbances of Tuesday night in which two people were killed and several wounded.

Police assault on detained Africans alleged

Pretoria, Nov 7

Allegations assault on detainees by the security police were the subject of an application to the Supreme Court. The application was for an order restraining the police during the period of detention from assaulting the five people named, interrogating them in any manner other than that prescribed and permitted by law, employing any undue or unlawful pressure on them or subjecting them to any form of unlawful duress.

The names of those on whose behalf this order is sought are: Mr Lindiwe Mabandia, aged 29, former vice-president of the South African Students' Organization and a member of the Black People's Convention; Mr Sathasivan Cooper, aged 22, formerly public relations officer of the Black People's Convention; Mr Revabalan Cooper, 22; Mr Mosiuoz Lekota, aged 28, who was permanent organizer of the South African Students' Organization at the time of his arrest in September; and Mr Munru Myeza, secretary-general of the South African Students' Organization. application to Supreme Court is being brought

by their fathers and for one by his fiancée.

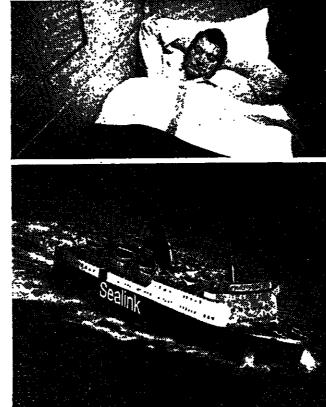
In an affidavit Mr S. M Chetry, a lawyer, states that he saw Mr Sathasivan Cooper on October 22. When they were alone Mr Cooper said: "There are many detainees who are being brutally assaulted by the special branch."

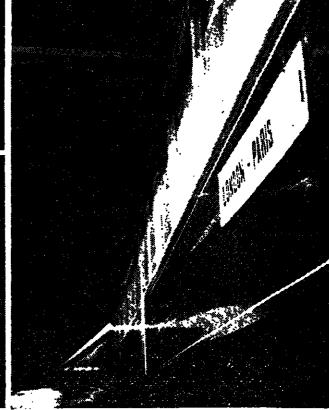
It is alleged that Mr Mabandla and Mr Revabalan Cooper were most severely assaulted, that neither of them could walk, and that Mr Cooper's knee was "busted".

Counsel for the Minister of the Police and the Commis-sioner of Police submitted that Mr Chetty's evidence was dis-

A doctor had visited the detainees on various occasions, one on the morning of the appliof physical or emotional assault. A senior magistrate had also visited them twice and there was only one complaint of assault which the complainant later declined to press further. The judgment is expected on Monday.

Our Cape Town Correspondent writes: The security police car-ried out several raids early today arresting and detaining black people under the Terrorin the case of four of the men ism Act.





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larcos regime lans to old referendum

fanila, Nov 7.—President ross of the Philippines plans hold a referendum in land-to pronounce on his twor-old martial law regime, the sidential palace said last

t added that Mr Marcos ex-ted to hold a referendum on egular basis every January order to continue "the sent dialogue between the sident last Sunday told visitofficials of the Chase Mantan Bank that the Govern-"will submit its entire erations to a vote by people".--Agence France

Destitutes throng Bangladesh camp Hundreds of families buddle throughout the country in

From Michael Hornsby Mirpur, Bangladesh, Nov 7 At the Mirpur relief camp, about 10 miles outside Dacca, some 3,000 destitute peasants are waiting for the autumn rice harvest to get under way so that they can return to the fields from which they were driven by hunger and lack of

Many of the immates are skeleton cases—particularly the more recent arrivals—and the percentage of small children among the most severely emaci-ated is high. Dysentery is common and there is a pervasive stench. The camp is set among the half-completed buildings of an abandoned soap factory, which form a rough square round a ferid poud. There are also some open-sided makeshift

on strew mats with their few recent months. belongings, usually no more than a battered tin food bowl or two, and perhaps a bundle of rags; but grim as the conditions are, they are preferable to being left to starve on the

streets of Dacca. For breakfast, the camp in-mates get some biscuits, a little milk and a roti, a thin flat round piece of bread. For lunch there are two ron, supplemented by a thin vegetable gruel, and in

the evening some more milk. Several wells have been sunk in the camp to provide more or less fresh water and a doctor pays a visit twice a day. So far, according to the camp super-intendent, there have been no cases of cholera, which has taken some thousands of lives

Every day for the past two months the Dacca city authorities have sent out 10 lorries with orders to pick up people from the rural areas.

Mr Sayed Rezaul Hayat, the Deputy Commissioner of Dacca, "There was a tremendous influx of people from the rural areas, about 3,000 to 4,000 a day, after the floods in July and August They lived the railway stations and in the

streets." Most of these people were landless peasants, who depend for their livelihood on what they can earn as labourers during the sowing and harvesting seasons, which were badly dis-rupted by the floods this year; and work in the fields was bard

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Vittadini's gesture of good will

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent

Racing Correspondent
Habat, the highest rated English two-year-old in last year's Free Handicap, has retired from racing and he will stand as stallion on our National Stud at Newmarket next year. Habat will still belong to his Italian owner, Carlo Vittadini, and Keith Freeman, the bloodstock agent, will continue to manage him, a role that he has done most successfully for Dr Vittadini for a number of years. number of years.

rumber of years.

It is as a gesture of good will to British breeders that Dr Vittadimi has insisted on standing Habar on a stud in this country, a way of saying thank you for the hospitality that he has received here.

He has certainly enjoyed a great deal of success in England. It know that he could have sold Habat several times over to go abroad. In the past Dr Vittadini's colours have been carried by such good performers as Exar, Palatch, No Mercy and Brook in this country and, of course, he is in the happy position of owning the winter favourite for next year's 2,000 Guineas, the unbeaten colt, Grundy. It has been agreed that Habat will stand on the National Stud for a minimum of three years at £1,500 a nomination.

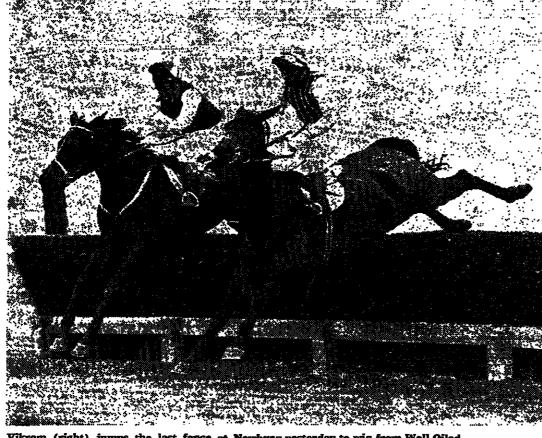
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Stud for a minimum of three years at £1,500 a nomination.

Being by the very successful young stallion, Habitat, and out of one of the Aga Khan's best female families, Habat has a very interesting pedigree. His great grand dam, Rivaz, was superbly fast and a half sister to Nasrullah, one of the most influential stallions world wide. Habat's three-year-old career did not match expectations, partly because the ground was so firm at the height of the: season, but there can be no doubt that he was a very good colt when he won the Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot, the Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury and the Middle Park Stakes at Newbury and the Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket last year.

These may be gloomy times in These may be gloomy times in many respects but one young man who has no cause to complain is Peter Condell, who began training on his own only at the beginning of this season, having assisted his father, Ken, for seven years. Peter Cundell has only 14 horses in his yard at Compton but he has won 12 races already since National Hunt racing started again this season. Yesterday at Newbury both Fire Red and Stalonist were solendid examples of the very were splendid examples of the very thorough way that his horses have been taught their business.
Fire Red had not run under
National Hunt rules before yet he
won his division of the Wood
Speen Hurdle in a canter. An how later Stalonist, running for the first time since January, dominated the Halloween Steeplechase from the

Both Fire Red and Stalonist were ridden by John Francome, one of the best young horsemen in the game, and both horses have suffered from leg trouble in their time. Fire Red's tendons were pinfired when they began to give trouble after he had finished third



Vikrom (right) jumps the last fence at Newbury yesterday to win from Well Oiled.

in the Irish St Leger two years ago. He was gelded and given plenty of time in which to make a full recovery. Yesterday he totally outclassed his opposition, showing that he at least has bridged that great chasm that divides the world of flat racing and hurtle racing of flat racing and hurdle racing. On that racing and nursule racing.
One can still see where Stalomst
pulled the tendon off his near hind
book running in a hurdle race at
Chepstow as a four-year-old and
it is possible that it is that old injury that tends to make him hang to his left when he is under pres-sure. He outjumped all his rivals yesterday but nearly threw his prize away by hanging really badly at a crucial moment on the run in. This gave Pitman and Pengrali the chance that they must have been hoping for but not expecting. straighten Stalonist just in time.
Stalonist is a full brother to that
good steeplechaser, Stalbridge
Colomist. They were both bred by
Harry Dufosee, a familiar figure
in West country National Hunt
circles. Mr Dufosee was there to
see Stalonist win and Cundell is
now hoping that this nice horse
will manage to qualify for the
Wills Premier Steeplechase final.
His race yesterday was marred
by an accident to King Pele, who
won the Gloucester Hurdle at

Cheltenham two seasons ago. Running for the first time in a steeplechase, King Pele hir the fourth fence very hard, fell and broke his off fore knee. David Nicholson, his trainer, had no option but to ask the veterinary surreup on the snet to put him. surgeon on the spot to put him down.

surgeon on the spot to put that down.

This then was a bitter sweet afternoon for Nicholson who had just watched his promising five-year-old, Yanworth, win the Curridge Steeplechase. This was Yanworth's third victory in succession. The other steeplechase, the Winterbourne Handicap, was won by the top weight, Vikrom, but only after she had had a battle royal with Well Oiled all the way up the straight. Riding Vikrom, Pitman got full marks for tenacity throughout this tussle with Bill Smith on Well Oiled. However, I hasten to add that the result might have gone the other way if Well Oiled had put as much heart into his finish as the winner did.

Smith was waving his whip like Smith was waving his whip like a magic wand at the finish but he was unable to conjure a positive effort out of Well Oiled, whereas Vikrom rallied really well for Pit-

man.
Charlie Potheen, the winner in
his time of the Hennessey Gold
Cup, John Smith's Great Yorkshire

Steeplechase and the Whitbread Gold Cup, is to make his first appearance this season in the Cowley Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham today. A crashing fall at Newbury last October, that shook his confidence, and troublesome splints combined to ruin his season last winter. At his best this gay jumper should enjoy his return to the arena and I know that trainer, Fulke Walwyn, thinks that he will take all the beating in the world this afternoon in a race of this nature.

nature.

Park Lawn is my selection for the Lansdown Hurdle. To fancy his chance one must really cast one's mind back to this time last year when he won consecutive races at Nottingham and Sandown Park by beating Arctic Actor and Supreme Halo. His victims on those occasions cannot be underrated, yet his opposition this afternoon looks mediocre. His initial effort this season was encouraging. Cheltenham also stages a quali-Cheltenham also stages a quali-fying race for the Wills Premier Steeplechase final, to be run at Haydock Park on January 18. This

STATE OF GOING official: Don-caster: Good. Chellenham: Good to soft. Newcastle (tomorrow): Good. Windsor (tomorrow): Good.

heat ought to be won by either Tenspir or Loon.

Jade (Mrs J. Craig), 7-11-1
R. Plbman (6-1) 1
R. Cloret, 7-10-8
R. Smith (11-8 Jav) 2
Clare Dawa, ch.m. by Prince Hansel
—Twitight Slave (Mrs A. Grantham), 6-10-12
R. Champion (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-3 The Sundance Kid
(4th), 16-1 Mirvin, 33-1 Marungu.

TOTE: win. £1.57: places. 51p. 15p. 22p. 25p. G. Balding, at Weyhili. 7l, sh hd.

3.30 (3.34) WOOD SPEEN HURDLE (Div II: £408: 2m)

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Moonstone Lad, b g, by Faust—
Arctic Lad (Mrs F. Davidson)

S-11-12 . J. Glover (7-4 [av) 1

Warry Zepbyr, b g, by Yrrah Jr—
Westerley Brocze (Mrs A. Lace)

Veyatle, b h, by Tilankiamen—Vi

(Mrs E. Vestcy), 5-11-7

ALSO RAN: 5-2 Joint Vonlure, 14-1

Cronos, 20-1 Cloud Drift, Crock Show,

Grad, Le Toy, Merchant of Venice

(Jun.) Pigmbers Bridge, Royal Sherry,

Signit Walf, Sir Barrymores, Thomas

Edwards, 15 ran.

TOTE: win. 26p: places, 15p, 28p.

TOTE: win 26p; places, 15p, 28p, 35p S. Mellor, at Lambourn, 2'sl, 3l. Natif Solitaire did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Statenist, Creita-nic. 598.10. TREBLE: Yanworth, Vikrom. Moonstone Lad, 2.11.60. JACKPOT. Not won. Pool of 12.3544.00 carried forward in Dec-caster today. Consolation dividend of 541,50 paid on first four winners.

9-10-8 ... J. Suthern 17-21 1
Trespessing, br m. by Poaching—
Softly (Mr R. Brookes). 10-10-11
D. Cartwright (10-1) 2
Dream isle, b.m. by Indian Ruler—
Honey isle (Miss E. Grifflins).
6-10-11 ... A. Webber (11-4: 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Even Dawn.
10-1 Gin Fizz, 11-1 Island Chief. 14-1
Salson (p), 15-1 Daar View. 20-1
Dad's Lad (44h). 23-1 Satanta (f).
Eyton Rising. 11 ran.

2.15 (2.46) BIDDULPH STEEPLE.
CHASE (Div fi: 2272: 2m 40yd,
Tuscas, gr g, by Forting B—Mess
Maid (Mr N. Henderson , 5:10-8
Mr N. Henderson (15-8 (av)
Appensiont, b g, by Vulgan—Clan
Alpine (Mr H. Thomson), 7:11-5
B. Hend

5.15 (5.16) AUDLEM STEEPLECHASE (227) 2m 40yd (127) 2m 40y

Coup de Feu gets new goat as companion

From David Hedges Laurel, Nov 7

Such are the complexities of equine psychology, that the other day a New York lawyer found him-self with the task of tracing on behalf of a horse, a de-horned male goat, castrated. The lawyer repre-sents Mr Tim Sasse, the owner of this year's Eclipse Stakes winner, Coup de Feu, and the goat was required as a companion for the horse, who shares his box at Lamhourn with an animal of similar specifications but whose regular companion was not permitted to enter America.

Officials of Laurel racecourse in

Maryland, where Coup de Feu will run on Saturday, in the Washington DC International, are proud of the fact that they found the goat within three hours of the request from New York reaching them and Coup de Feu is now happily in-stalled in the racecourse stables at

American horse, Big Spruce, will mean that the scene is set for Sat-urday's mile and a half race worth

£42,500 to the winner. It will bring out a field of nine, with three representatives from France, three from the United States, one from Germany, one from Ireland and Coup de Feu for England. Coup de Feu for England.

In addition to Big Spruce, the best performer on grass in the United States this year, America fields the useful but not top class Golden Don, who will be ridden by the Frenca jockey. Jean Cruguet, and the fast filly, Desert Vixen, who will be running for the first time on turf. Desert Vixen galloped on the grass course for her first experience of the footing this morning and seemed to go well.

Ireland is represented by Mistigri, the mount of Brian Taylor, and winner of the Irish St Leger, and Germany by Marduk, the winner of the German Derby and St Leger and the Grosser Preis von Baden.

But for sheer strength, no country to folding a better continuer.

But for sheer strength, no country is fielding a better contingent than France in the shape of the much-travelled Dahlia, Margouillat and the tough Admetus, who is not far behind top class.

Margonillar, third to Allez France in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, looks as though that race did him no harm. Dahlia was rated 61b behind Margonillar in the recently-published French Free Handicap (31b if weight for sex allowance is added back) but as that is based only on form shown

has had such a busy season cul-minaring in her victories in the Man o' War Stakes in New York and the Canadian International Championship, in Toronto. She was bucking and kicking as she was led out on to the grass course by her travelling companion Hip-podamia and pulled hard when allowed to do a short canter. Sandy Barrley was present to allowed to do a short camer.

Sandy Barclay was present to ride Coup de Fen in a mediumpace workout over six furlongs and the Eclipse Stakes winner looks well, but I shall not be opposing Dahlia-when making my final choice for the first three in

saturday's race.
LONDON BETTING: 4-5 Dahlia, 5-1 Desert Vixen, 8-1 Big
Spruce, 9-1 Margordilat, 14-1
Golden Don, Admetus, 40-1 Coup
de Feu, 50-1 Mistigri, 66-1 Igloo,
100-1 Marduk.

loses sponsors By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

Rothmans of Pall Mali, the oldest and most generous spousors of British tennis, have withdrawn their support from the British hard court championships played at Bournemouth and the North of England championship at Hoylake. They have sponsored Bournemouth since 1969 and Hoylake since 1970. John King, of Rothmans, said they had considered pulling out of

they had considered pulling out of tennis altogether, but the Lawn Tennis Association had persuaded them to continue to back a series of relatively minor tournaments of great value to the general health of the British game. Rothmans would also continue to sponsor the Albert Hall tournament at the beginning of the year. "We decided it was better to spread our net as widely as possible rather than put all our money into one that is based only on form shown in France, where Dahlia has hardly run this year, it is difficult to accept that this is a true reflection of their respective merits.

Looking at Dablia this morning it was difficult to believe that she has had such a busy season culthan put all our money into one big event like Bournemouth." There are indications that within the next few weeks Green Shield Trading Stamps may to some extent follow Rothmans's lead. But

John Dewar, chairman of the "whisky circuit's" management committee, said in Edinburgh yesterday: "We have always worked from year to year. We will be reviewing next year shortly after the Albert Hall finals. Personally, hore that we don't pull out. But I hope that we don't pull out. But I wonder whether we would ever again be able to run it in the style in which we started. The concept has changed. We will probably have to look at whether we run a circuit or a pressige event."

This year, for a variety of reasons, Dewar's compromised with the shortest of the seven circuits the shortest of the seven circuits. the shortest of the seven circuits they have supported: preliminary tournaments in Cardiff and Edinburgh before a "prestige" week of big names and big money at Billingham and the Albert Hail. The semi-final round of the singles in Edinburgh will be: Mark Cox v Trey Waltke, Richard Lewis v Zeljko Frannlovic, Virginia Wade v Mima Jausovec and Isabel Fernandes v Julie Heidman.

Lewis, aged 19, is 6ft 2½in tall, a left-hander from Barnet. He has reached the last four in Cardiff and Edinburgh and on each occasion

Edinburgh and on each occasion has won in straight sets against Stephen Warboys, who is six places above him in the British rankings. The score yesterday was 7-6, 7-5. Warboys led 5-3 in the first set and 5-2 in the second, but, each

time, was pressed to a tie-breal which Lewis won by seven point to three. Lewis must have a chanc-against Franulovic. who has a stif-back that yesterday induced him to scratch from the doubles.

Bournemouth event

of the women, two South Amercans, Miss Fernandez and Raque Ciscafre, were particularly active in the morning they played fooths for the women players against press team. In the afternoon the opposed each other in a livel and attractive singles and, short afterwards, went back on confor a doubles in which they be a British Wightman Cup player Lesley Charles, and Susan Mappi, But the week has produced return advertisement for the women's game than the match which the dimutive Miss Jauson only 18, won 6–3, 6–4 again Joyce Hume, who is 12 years wise There were some lovely rallihere. Mrs Hume is still fit, aginand capable of admirable term.

But the sturdy and nimble M Jausovec, who halls from S venia, is probably the mo accomplished player of her a venia, is probably the me accomplished player of her a in the world. Displaying a quie witted tactical maturity that help her years, she explored the leng and width of the court with bold versatility which was usual married to precision. All the together with the low forehal woller that applied the countries.

volley that applied the coup-grace, cannot have been of mu comfort to her next oppone Miss Wade, who was watch attentively.

attentively.

MEN'S SINGLES: Third roug
R. A. Lewis (Middlesex) beat S.
Warboys (Essex) 7-6:T. Wa
(US) beat O. A. Lloyd (Essex) 4WOMEN'S SINGLES: Third roug
Miss L Fernandez (Colombia) beat W.
R. Giscoffe (Argentina) 5-7, 64; Miss M. Jausovec (Yugoslay
beat Mrs J. Rume (Scotland) 66-4.

(GB), 6-2, 9-8,
STOCKHOLM: Open tournament:
Borg (Sweden) bent B. Gottfleid (L
6-4, 6-1; G., Vilas (Argentina);
Ashe (GB), G. (Carlotter), G. (Ga), G. (Carlotter), G. (GB), G. (Carlotter), G. (GB), G. (Carlotter), G. (GB), G. (GB)

Fair Dandy to defy penalty

By Jim Snow Northern Racing Correspondent Doncaster mixes its racing today and tomorrow, and the going promises to be equally good on the flat and jumping courses. During the summer the turf for the National Hunt tracks has been generously fertilized, and every fence has been rebuilt.

The Spurt on Sprint Handicap over five furlongs (3.45) might produce a finish similar to that at Haydock Park over the same Haydock Park over the same distance six days ago when Fair Dandy beat White Hope by one and a half lengths in the Coventry Cathedral Handicap. In that race Fair Dandy, ridden by the season's leading apprentice, Sean Salmon, made all the running under the stand rails and throughout the last furlong he was always holding the persistent challenge of White Hope. Dut Fair Dandy, trained at Middleham by Harry Blackshaw, is now, with his penalty, badly in at

Cheltenham programme

[Television (BBC2) 2.5, 2.40, 3.10 and 3.40 races]

Dalivance, 10-1 Flammula, Hunting Song, 12-1 Good Argum 14-1 Water Colour, Composite, 16-1 Raily Driver, 20-1 others.

1.0 SOUTHAM HURDLE (Handicap: £340: 2m 200yds)

24001 HOS Neell (A. Persons). S. Matthews, 7-11-13 (200-0) The Elshop (W. Price). S. Matthews, 7-11-13 (200-0) The Elshop (W. Price). W. Price, 5-11-7 (200-0) The Elshop (W. Price). W. Price, 5-11-1 (200-0) The Elshop (W. Price). S. Melior, 9-11-1 (200-0) The Elshop (W. Price). S. Melior, 9-11-1 (200-0) The Elshop (W. Price). S. Melior, 9-11-1 (200-0) The Elshop (W. Price). The Market Barris, 1-10-12 (200-0) The Elshop (W. Price). T

L30 MICKLETON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £704: 2m)

11-8 Golden Sol. 9-2 Shoo, 5-1 Steadygaze, 6-1 Squash, 8-1 Little

2.40 L'ANSDOWN HURDLE (4y-0: £612: 2m 200yds)

4 10300-1 Golden Sol (CD) (W. Whetherly) R. Turnell 7-11-6 A. Turnell 1034-23 Sheo (D) (Lady Aliken) F. Walwyn, 7-10-2 ... A. Brantord 2 44-21 Squass (D) (Mrs Harding), Miss Wint, 9-10-2 ... J. Burke 3 G-44-11 Squass (D) (Mrs Harding), Miss Wint, 9-10-2 ... J. Burke 3 pp. 14-20 pp. 14-

2.5 WILLS PREMIER STEEPLECHASE (Qualifier: £1,255: 24m)

WILLS PREMIER SIERFLECHASE (Qualifier: £1,25): 24m)

1 0313-10 Tasbless VI (C) (M. Marsh), M. Marsh, 6-12-0 ... M. (lafford
2 2213p-0 Teasple (C) (D) (L4 Lavenulme), F. Candell, 5-11-10

5 00-0f10 French Logend (A. Putt), K. Bridgewater, 6-11-7 Mr J. Haynes 7

1 1720-40 Rathvilly (J. Yarde-Buller), R. Head, 6-11-7 Mr J. Haynes 7

5 3-11220 Cingalese (Mrs Jackson), G. Back 5-11-3 ... J. King
6 Di Ne Defence Mrs Harvey, D. Nicholson, 5-11-3 ... J. Suthern
10121-0 Silver Metzer (D. Crossman), Thomson Jones, 6-11-2 D. Mould
10 1221-44 Leon (Mrs Dewhurst), F. Winter, 5-10-12 ... R. Pilman

5-2 Leon, 7-2 Tenspir, 5-1 Rathvilly, 7-1 Tashlissa VI, 10-1 No Dafence, Silver-Melcor, 16-1 Cingalese, 20-1 French Legond.

Bladon (R. Mills), F. Winter, 11-12
Park Lawa (C. Cleary), F. Rimell, 11-12
Croome (Mrs Phipps), D. Barons, 11-7
Montreal (Mrs Hughes), P. Cowley, 11-7
Montreal (Mrs A. Dowsbury), B. Cambidge, 11-7

3.10 CHELTENHAM STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £918: 3m 1f)

3.40 **COWLEY HURDLE** (£340 : 3m)

Soul Music (Mr A. Dewsbury). B. Cambidge, 11-7

Adam's Strate (J. Hyams), D. Nicholson, 11-0

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Adam's Grate (J. Fox), A. Jarvis, 11-0

S. Taylor Silber G. Illingworth), Thomson Jones, 11-0

S. Taylor General Ginger Nut (D. Crossman), Thomson Jones, 11-0

Clanville Trince (Mrs Mitchell), N. Mitchell

Hadden

Haddes Bay (J. Bosiey) J. Bosley. 11-0 Mr. Mitchell 7

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Jimmy One (J. Lee), S. Maithews, 11-0 P. Kelleway

Keep (D. Greig). J. Webber, 11-0 R. Champion

Tommy Jee | Mrs. Curley! W. Brennan, 11-0 R. Champion

Wooddanb Warning (Mrs. Lusty: W. Marshall, 11-0 M. Wagner

Zongalers (D. Montagu:, Thomson Jones, 11-0 D. Mould

n. 7-2 Park Lawn. 6-1 Montred, 7-1 Croome, 8-1 Tommy Joe, 10-1

Azmung, Zongalero, 12-1 Adam's Brake. Soul Music, 14-1 Keep.

CX HURDLE (2.540; 5ml) ireland's Gwen (Mrs Herrocks). J. Edwards, 5-11-10

Okeford Common (Mrs Woller), A. Jarvis, 7-11-10 B. R. Daviss

Okeford Common (Mrs Woller), A. Jarvis, 6-11-10 ... S. Taylor

Charlie Potheon (Mrs Heath), F. Walwyn, 9-11-5 W. Smith

Farthingsho (C. Yardiny), G. Yardiny, 7-11-5 ... N. Wakiny

Fast and Common (Mrs House), F. Walwin, 5-11-5 M. Evans, 7-11-5 J. Suthern

Flying Judy (M. Humphenson), F. Nicholson, 5-11-5 J. Suthern

Gasile Colfre (S. Walkins), G. Thomson Jones, D. Would

Greek Ancester (Lody T. Agnew), Thomson Jones, D. Mould

Prince Twenty (K. Ivory), K. Ivory, 6-10-0 Playful Warrior (C. Hackling), G. Hackling, 7-10-0

the weights with David Robinson's good and highly consistent three-year-old.

pear-old.

Disregarding the apprentice allowance Fair Dandy meets White Hope on 7lb worse terms, and this is a large pull in the welghts for a beating of one and a half lengths. However, Blackshaw, who paid only 210 guineas for Fair Dandy as a yearling in 1970, is not viewing the return match this afternoon in any spirit of pessimism. Although it is flying very much in the face of the form book I take Fair Dandy to confirm the Haydock form in what might be a close finish.

The four-year-old Wells Fargo,

The four-year-old Wells Fargo, whose future is likely to be over hurdles in the colours of Lord Chelsea, is selected for the Back End Plate (1.45). He has been on a racecourse only once, but in that race, a formight ago at Doncaster, he was beaten one and a half lengths by the odds-on favourite,

India will raise expulsion proposal at July meeting

Rome, Nov 7.—India today declined to carry out their threat to seek South Africa's expulsion from the 1975 Davis Cup tennis competition because of South Africa's apartheid sports policies. The International Lawn Tennis Federation's Davis Cup committee meeting here today awarded the 1974 trophy to South Africa because of India's refusal to meet them in the final.

The American chairman of the Mr Woods sald. We deal

The American chairman of international federation (ILTF). W. Harcourt Woods, told reporters that India had not raised the sub-ject of South Africa's expulsion at today's meeting. But the Indian delegate, Raj Khanna, said the matter would be raised in the com-

Mr Woods told a press conference that the All-India Lawn Tennis Association had made every effort to play the final but had been prevented from doing so by the Indian Government. Mr Khanna, who is secretary of the All-India Lawn Tennis Association. produced " official letters signed by responsible people in the Indian ernment to support his case Government to support ms case ", Mr Woods said. As a result the committee decided by a substantial majority not to take any disciplinary action against India for refus-

Mr Woods said: bringing politics into sport." said the committee was tryin; formulate a proposal for next ju ILTF assembly in London to s the problem. But he added : is very difficult. I don't know we're going to do it.'

After the press conference.
Khanna told Reuter that the q
tion of expelling South Af
would undoubtedly be raised future meetings of the commi and probably at the July assem
"After all, it is South Africa wh
is disrupting the compedition".
said. On the 1974 Davis Cup fit he said : " India would have pla permitted by the Governo But Government policy as it regarding apartheid in South Af meant that we could not h

about to operate in certain c

tinental countries the quar-finals of this European Cup-not take place until March and will be January before the di-decides Leeds's next opponent The interval will give them chance to repair their undignife

ever dangerous Müller-Barcelo Ararat Yerevan (the Soviet cha

pions). Anderlecht (Eelgiur Ruch Chorzow (Poland), Atvi-herg (Sweden) and St Etienne. French Champions. It is an int

esting field with the chance of World Cup final repeat perfor ance between Beckenbauer a Cruyff it Bayern Munich a Barcelona can avoid each other

Second round winners

EUROPEAN CUP: Andericchi. Hi Chorow, Bayern Munich, Lerds Unit Artidaberg, Barcelona, Si Elicone i

Artidaberg, Bartelona, SI Elicone Artidaberg, Bartelona, SI Elicone Artidaberg, Bursaspor, Beni Name, Fed Slar Real Madrid, Dina Relevant Cologne, Banik Ostrata, Dinamo Dren, Fortuna Disseldorf, Dukle Prage Partizan Belgrado, Twento, Enschwartzan Belgrado, Twento, Enschwartzan Belgrado, Twento, Enschwartzan Belgrado, Twento, Enschwartzan Belgrado, Regi Zaragoza Alax ar Royal Antwern imatch to played next week.

Only two left to maintain continental red line

By Geoffrey Green Football Correspondent

Only Leeds United and Derby County, now remain in continental club competition to carry the flag for Britain. With Liverpool, Hibernian, Dundee United, Cork Cettic and Portadown all gone the this red line becomes thinner chance to repair their undignil position in the shallows of the f division with Bremner now back provide a more subtle drive midfield with Giles. Celtic and Portadown all gone the thin red line becomes thinner.
Without question, from an English angle, the performance of Wednesday night belonged to Derby. Held 2—2 at home in the Midlands in the first leg of their Uefa tie by Atlético Madrid, it was odds on the Spamiards, last year's beaten European Cup finalists, moving on in their presence of their passionate 80,000 supporters in the Vicente Calderón stadium.
When Luis put Atlético ahead The European Cup final this it is to be at Hampden Park, Glasse Leeds now face a field contain Bayern Munich, the holders—the was a masterly 2-1 win in Magburg with two vital goals by ever dangerous Müller—Rarcelo When Luis put Atletico ahead within the opening four minutes the future seemed predictable enough. Yet in due course the

enongn. Yet in due course the assessment of Dave Mackay, the Derby manager, proved to be right. He had said before the match that the Atletico was suspect and so it proved when Rioch and Hector hit back to put Derby ahead with half an hour to go. Luis, however, brought Atletico back again to 2—2 with a brilliant free kick bent around the defensive wall.

There the hattle remained the There the battle remained tied at an overall figure of 4—4 at the final. whistle. Penalties then decided the affair and it was not until the 16th kick when Boulton, the Derby goalkeeper, turned Eusebio's shot against a post that a decision was reached. Derby with Eusebio's shot against a post mat a decision was reached. Derby, with all the odds against them, were through magnificently. They are now in the last 16 with sides like Borussia Mönchen/Gladbach, Borussia Mönchen/Gladbach

now in the last 16 with sides like Borussia Mönchen/Gladbach. Finalists two vears ago. FC Cologne, FC Twente, the Dutchmen of Enschede, and SV Hamburg still in the hunt.

Leeds United, for their part, strolled comfortably into the last eight of the European Cup at the expense of Uppest Dozsa, the Hungarian champions. Not without cost, however. In the process Hunter suffered an injury to ligaments in the right knee which may jeopardize his place in the England side for the European championship match against Portugal at Wembley in 12 days time.

With the mid-season break

Yesterday's results REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Hitt Town 4. Cambridge University I. RUGBY: INIV. Representally match: Kent I. NIV. Representally match: Kent I. NIV. Representally Model Boys 14. Schools must be English Wordsworth 24. Herida 14. Challenthal House O. St. Lawrence 29. Chellenthal 33. Chellenhum (35. 12. Etom I. Lincoln College. Oxford 6; Monkil Combe 4. King's, Bruton 8.

Tonight's fixtures COURTH DIVISION: Doncaler Shrewbury (7.30: Lincoln v Torque 17.30: Lincoln v Torque 17.30: Warkington v Reading (7.15: Bruch v Brist V RUGBY UNION: Lydney v bree (7.30). EAGUE: Player's No Trippiy, second round: Salford Bramley (7.30). First dictsion: Castled v Dewabury (7.30).

For the Record

Snooker

DUBLIN: World emsteur championship, Seventh day: M. J. Laffr (Cryton) beat 5. A Leonard Roubile of freland; 1. A Leonard Roubile of freland; 2. A Leonard Roubile of Manna (New Zeeland) beat N. Stockman (New Zeeland) beat N. Stockman (New Zeeland) beat N. Stockman (New Zeeland) beat naturalis; 3. Stockman (New Zeeland) beat naturalis; 3. Supplied of the Sandard Roubile of the Sanda

Rowing

COLQUIROUN SCULLS: Semi-finals Sturge (Lady Margaret, best Ca (Pembroke, by 15 sec in Smin 10sec VeCleod (Lady Margaret) best Rosite (Pombroke) by 23sec in Smin Jasec. BUSNE-FOX FRESHMEN'S SCULLS

Doncaster programme [Television (IBA): 2.45, 3.15 and 3.45 races] 1.15 HOPEFUL HURDLE (Handicap: £451: 2m 150yd) HOPEFUL HURDLE (Handicap: £451: 2m 150yc
400-220 Oceanns (A. Bacon), Bacon, 5-11-4.

f401 Gardiner (A. Bacon), Bacon, 5-11-4.

f403-10 Space Beam (W. Whiston), Whiston, 4-11-1.

000-430 Nepture (W. Chapman), D. Chapman, 5-10-13.

002-10 Nepture (W. Chapman), D. Chapman, 5-10-3.

0100-400 Nepture (W. Chapman), M. Tato, 5-10-7.

0100-400 Olvine Lass (GO) (D. Bennett), A. Potts, 5-10-4.

0100-400 Unavailable (S. Elliott) B. Nichenond, 5-10-6.

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0100-600 Sunny Edar (C. Crossley), Crossley, 5-10-1.

0100-700 Constant (A. George), W. Charles, 5-10-1.

0100-700 Constant (J. Shouson), B. Wilkinson, 4-10-0.

00-0300 Esteral (J. Shouson), B. Wilkinson, 4-10-0.

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00-0300 Constant (J. Shouson), B. Wilkinson, 4-10-0.

1 King Gipsy, 4-1 Unavailable, 5-1 Ballymoy, 11-2 Space Beam; S

Sovroy, 12-1 Inquisitive, Divine Lass, 14-1 others. 1.45 BACK END MAIDEN PLATE (£483 : 14m 50yd) FIELD HURDLE (Handicap: £/10. 2012 - 12-7 Easter Abbey (CB) (Mrs Blow), M. H. Easterby, 7-12-7 Lockerbie Cashy Abbey (CB) (Mrs Blow), G. Richards, 5-11-8 R. Evan R. E 2.15 TOWN FIELD HURDLE (Handicap: £715: 2m 150yd) 011-010 Two fer Joy (F. Mumford-Smith). P. Rohan, 4-10-0 R. Dickin S Woodlack (J. Hanson). J. Turner, 7-10-0 ... T. Skiffington 322133- Temple Rise (D. Smith). Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A. Dickman J 0000-21 Birdcage Walk (Mrs Braham). T. Kersey, 4-10-0 .. D. Manno N-50 Ronson Avenue, 4-1 Sir Mago, 5-1 Canadius, 11-2 Eashy Abbey, 8-1 aggio, 10-1 Berganger, 12-1 Whistling Penny, Two for Joy, 14-1 others. 2.45 WILLS PREMIER STEEPLECHASE (£1,253: 2}m) 406 030-1 Mr Tipp (Lady Halifax), Lady A. F. Howard, 6-11-7

408 1001-41 Tamalin (T. Meicaife), G. Richards, 7-11-7 J. O'Neill

409 1-03000 Angio Scot (Mrs Gordon), J. Turnet, 7-11-2 T. Skifington

9-4 Winter Rain, 5-1 Tamalin, 9-2 Mr Tipp, 7-1 Killerby, 10-1 Angio Scot,

12-1 Madison, 14-1 Duffle Coat, 16-1 others. 3.15 GUYS AND DOLLS MAIDEN PLATE (Div I: 2-y-o: £690: 1m)

O Ambulation (N. Hunti), B. van Cutsem, 9-0 . W. Carson (O Sranden (E. Tudor-Evans), J. Hindley, 9-0 . A. Kimberley (O Society), G. Toft, 9-0 . B. Connaton (O Chiricabus (G. Steinberg), G. Toft, 9-0 . B. Connaton (O Chiricabus (G. Steinberg), G. Toft, 9-0 . B. Connaton (O Chiricabus (G. Steinberg), G. Toft, 9-0 . B. Connaton (O Chiricabus (G. Steinberg), G. Toft, 9-0 . B. Connaton (O Chiricabus (G. Steinberg), G. Toft, 9-0 . B. Connaton (O Chiricabus (G. Steinberg), G. Toft, 9-0 . M. Ketle (G. Steinberg), D. Daver, 9-0 . M. Ketle (G. Steinberg), D. Daver, 9-0 . M. Ketle (G. Steinberg), G. Maries, 9-0 . M. Murrey (G. Steinberg), G. Steinberg, 9-0 . R. Waltry (G. Steinberg), G. Steinberg, 9-0 . R. Waltry (G. Steinberg), G. Steinberg, 9-0 . R. Waltry (G. Steinberg), G. Steinberg, G. Steinb 3.45 SPURT ON SPRINT HANDICAP (£828 : 5f) White Hope (D) (D. Robinson), P. Davey, 3-4-12 C. Wigham 5 Dizy Dave (D) (J. Finlayson), D. Williams, 5-5-5 Tolopring (D) (S. Jackson), R. Barnes, 4-8-13, P. Kelloher Fair Dandy (D) (M. Steele), H. Blackshow, 4-3-10 Comp. 5 602 324212 603 414220 September Sky (CD) (A. Tenty), G. Balding, 3-8-7 A. Bond 5 Craigefachle (CD) (K. Richardson), D. Williams, 4-8-0 co1434 Craigeflachie (CD) (K. Richardson), D. Williams, 4-8-0 Lead Court Kettle (C) (H. Crawford), E. Cousins, 4-7-7 C. Exclesion 1 C23004 Carnival Sewerign (D) (Mrs Shaw), E. Witymes, 7-7-7 M. Thomas 10 C-00040 Targrave (CD) (J. Coff), D. Doyle, 6-7-7 E. Johnson 2 Buckfastielgh (J. Winter), T. Fairfurst, 5-7-7 E. Johnson 2

Occool Sales La Walter La Hason J. Thrapp. 2-0 ... A. Murray L. Series L. Walter L. Wa **Doncaster selections**

By Our Northern Correspondent 1.15 Ballymoy. 1.45 Wells Fargo. 2.15 Canadius. 2.45 Anglo Scot. 3.15 RED SUN is specially recommended. 3.45 Fair Dandy. 4.15 Jetador. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 3.15 Moraing Song. 3.45 White Hope. 4.15 Thornton Green.

615 0-00000 Targrave (CD) (J. Croft), D. Doyle, 6-7-7 . . . E Apter 5-614 000420 Buckfastielsh (J. Winter), T. Fairburst, 5-7-7, L. Johnson 9 15-8 White Rope, 7-2 Fair Dandy, 9-2 September Sky, Tolspring, 8-1 Dicy Dave, 10-1 Court Kettle, 12-1 others.

4.15 GUYS AND DOLLS MAIDEN PLATE (Div II: 2-y-o: £690:

Cheltenham selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 1.0 Porter's Precinct. 1.30 Golden Sol. 2.5 Loon, 2.40 PARK LAWN is specially recommended. 3.10 Kilvulgan, 3.40 Charlie Potheen.

Newbury results 1.00 (1.1) WOOD SPEEN HURDLE (Div I: £408: 2m)

(Div I: 2-108: 2m)
Fire Red, b h. by Salvo—Moero
Bara (Mr D. Molins:, 5-11-7
Marron D'Or, Ch g. by Indigenous
5-Loughahan (Mrs Matheson).
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Markarajah b gy group 5-11-7
Finnark (Mr A Steven) 5-11-7
Alson 2AN: 7-2 Inventors 20-1 TOTE: Win, 19p: places, 12p. 51p. 16p. P. Condell, at Complon, 1 sl, 41.

1.50 (1.31) CURRIDGE STEPLE-CHASE (2734; 3m)

Yanworth, b p. by Arctic Slave—Foxclough / Lord Vestry), 5-10-13

J. King / evens fav | 1

Colosdine, br g, b Colonist II—Diaphragm (Mrs & Dudgeon), 7-10-12 ... D. O'Donovan (8-1) 2

Redder's Roy, b g, by Galento—Red. Warning (Mr A. Hobbs);

11.10-1. Mr P. Hobbs (14-1) 3 10-10-5. Mr P. Hobbs 114-1) 3
ALSO RAN; 5-1 Brokopondo, 11-1
Saint Al. 16-1 Mr Shut Eye (4th);
Sensive Prince, 20-1 Another Muddle.
Sentor Wrangier, Ranger, 10 am.
10-12: Win. 21p; places, 12p, 18p,
25p; dual forecast; 61p, D. Nicholson,
at Stow-on-the-Wold. 1, 21;

at Stow-on-the-wold. 11, 21.

2.0 (2.3), RALLOWEEN STEEPLE-CHASE 121, 738; 2m 160yd)

Sationiet, b 9, by Colorist II—
Easoful iMrs M. McMeckin),
7-11-8. J. Francome (20-1) 1
Pengrali, b 9, by Pendragon—
Sovereign Omen iMrs G.
blorton), 6-11-8

Go-Over, b 9, by Banover—dam's
name unregistered (Mr J.
Symons), 6-11-8

ALSO RAN: 7-2 King Pete, 5-1
Sydney Carton, 7-1 Trust Vulgan (4th),
14-1 Garrymust, Lictor, 33-1 Planans, Sunnymede, 10 rah.
TOTE: Win, 22-40; places, 55p, 12p,
43p; dual forecast, £1.77. P. Cundeil,
at Compton, 1-1. 151. Frango did not

2.30 (2.31) WINTERBOURNE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 2675: 2m 160yd) Vikrem, br m, by Menelek—Dancing Uttoxeter L2.45 (12.47) HARTINGTON SELLING
HURDLE (DIV 1: \$204: 2m 180yd,
Lot One, ch f, by Three Dons—Time
Signal (Mr H. Manners). 3-9-10
Mr H. Evans (9-4 fav)
Jane Again, ch f, by Spartan General
Mossile Mist (Mrs M. Jarvis).
1-11-6 S. A. Taylor (100-30) 2
Rusby Princuss, b f, by El Gallo—
Anne I (Mr P. Hearr), 3-9-11
Joff Williams (20-1) 3
ALSO RAY: 15-2 Double Rum (II).

2.15 (1.15) BIDDULPH STEEPLE-CHASE (Div 1: \$272: 2m 40yd)
Royal Threst, b 9. by Light Thurst—
Royal Account (Mrs G. Greenhaigh), 5-11-1
Traite de Pair, b h, by Misti IV—
La Paix (Mr A. Grogan), 6-11-12
Moon Yrtp, b 9, by Blost—Flight's
Orchid (Mr A. Connell), 6-11-5
Mr C. Saunders (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN 9-2 Challoner (ft, 10-1
Sovereign View ft, 12-1 Caradoc,
Royal Joke, 16-1 Khalejpic, 30-1 Isleaming (4)h, 12-1 veiled Out, Muscatel
II, Net Curtis. 12 ran.

2.15 /2 17: MARKET DRAYTON HAN-DICAP STEEPLECHASE / 2544: 3m; Bontloy Boy, b g, by Manicov— Poblishers Mr H. Gibbont,

ALSO RAN: b-1 Ardonia, 8-1 Tid, whatsname, 12-1 Fishloim Jack (4th), 16-1 Young Craby, 20-1 Goldfills Son, 35-1 Seaton Sanes, 10 ran, TOTE: Win, 22p; places, 12p, 15p, 34p; dual foreast; (1.22), E. Collingwood, at Middleham, 34, 41. Teesside Park results 1.0 11.2 STAINSRY BECK FILLIES
PLATE (2-y-0 fillies: £207; 5f;
Durch May, ch f., by Maystreak—My
Old Dutch (Mr C. Buckton; 8-3
E. Hide (7-); 1
Satia Song, gr f, by Song—Rosy
Ribbon (Mr D. Robinson; 8-8
Ribbon (Mr D. Robinson; 8-8
Bine Tab. b f. Songrave (10-1);
Bine Madam (Mr No Robbert)—
Bur Madam (Mr No Robbert)—
R. Huitchison (4-1) (2-3)
ALSO RAY, 7-1, Tal Mada (2-3) CAP (£445; 7'm) C.O. 12.4; LONDONDERRY MANDICAP 12.45; 71 m)

Fair Coorgia, ch f. by Silver Cinud

4.7 (10) P. Arton P. Stend Martin

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Greek Ancystor (Lady T. Agnew). Thomson Jones, 5-11-5 D. Sunderland Greek Ancystor (Lady T. Agnew). Thomson Jones, 5-11-5 D. Mould 17 420-040 Henry Doe (T. Balley). M. Killoran, 6-11-5 P. Balley 7 18 19 420-440 Henry Greek T. Terricy, J. Theracy, 6-11-5 P. Balley 7 19 420-040 Henry Girl C. Tierney, J. Theracy, 6-11-5 P. Campbell T. C. Tierney, J. Dartnall 8-11-5 R. Campbell T. C. Tierney, J. Dartnall 8-11-5 P. Campbell T. C. Campbell T. C. Tierney, J. C. Tierney, J. C. Dartnall 8-11-5 P. Campbell T. C. Cam C. 45 17.151 ECCLESHALL HURDLE (Handicap: 2080: 2m 180yd)
Littlegned Beau, b g, by Ron-High Fashlon (Mr. J. McGaughwy)
1-10-K A. Webber (14-1)
Gay Perch. b 7. by High Perch.
Gay Heather (Mr. H. Smart),
5-11-7 J. J. O'Neill (15-8 fav) 2
Space Boy, b g, by Space KingPip's Princess (Mr. N. Cittins),
5-10-2 ... R. Dicken (8-1),
3-10-2 ... R. Dicken (8-1),
1-10-2 ...

3.0 (5.4) NORTH YORKSHIRE HAMDI-CAP (5-y-o; £44): 5f) Burwell, b. c, by Shooling Chani— Red Sails (Mr. E. Brown) 10-4

Sopi, 8-11 . J. Seagrave (13-2) 1
Croffsorte, br f. by Sunny WaySular Telescam HI G. Bred 1
8-8 E. Hide (8-1) 2
Spoody Valley, b f. by Wolver Hollow—Impetus (Mrs. I. Lewin:
8-8 P. Eddery (1-3 fav.)
ALSO RAN: 0-2 Marchuna (44h),
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Also Ran: 1-1 Seviny Maid. 13-1
Cool Hand Like. 1-1 Seviny Maid.
13-1 Easter Sourveigh. Weller by,
13-1 Inconsed. Iron Crift. Pal's Hombite. Stamat. Gay Pal. Ladyrullah,
Royal Foast. 20 ran.

TOTE: Win. 96t: nlaces, 250, 270. Beaufort Street, Jarboa, 13-1 Confluence, 29-1 Relative Ease, 25-1 Keyandiay, 50-1 Certz Cito. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win. 25p: piaces, 11p, 29p, 12p; dual jorcest, 64p, M. W. Easterby, at Flaxton. 'al, nk. 3.30 (3.35) DURHAM PLATE (£207: 1'ami)

Wheatclosa, b.c. by Highland Mejody

Licky Maid (Mrs. & Easterby. 1

Licky Person. 1

High Grant Mid. 2.1 (2.2)

Berthady Person. 10.2 (2.2)

Derriesson. 10. by Derring-10. 1

Princess Orrienae (Mr. A. Cummins). 3-8-2 B. Comnorton (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Chontal. 7-1

Furmers Boy. 12-1 Rhum. Vilk Real (131). 20-1 Certain Smile. 35-1 Anet's Pet. Lord of Westow. No Ham. Singing Major, Stemic. 13 ran.

TUTE: Win. 32p; places, 16p. 40p. 35p. M. W. Easterby. at Flaxton. 1'd. (14). 1

Lightning Tour (35-1). Rule 4 does not apply. 5.30 (3.33) DURHAM PLATE (\$207

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2 2.30 (2.32) LUSTRUM SECK PLATE (2-5-0) 2276: 6() Fearless Boy, ch c, by Yellow Ged —Madam Clare Mir D, Robinestruccia attibili il callinti e ter

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me tour facts to ponder in - se England expects

Correspondent irne, Nov 7

d anyone be expecting beat Victoria in the fourtch which starts tomorrow, e some facts to ponder, ctober 1970 MCC sides on 1 Australia, West Indies, nd Pakistan, have played -class matches, other than of which 18 have been two lost and only two

ie two victories, one was d by Illingworth's side asmania, who barely rate class opposition, the other the Pakistan President's wickedly difficult pitch at indi. The two defeats were oria, in the corresponding o tomorrow's, and by Bar-earlier this year. In all the there has not been one ting success on a good gainst either an Australian West Indian island, an zone or a scratch side in

cted in this is a lack of lot of industry or stamina lowork but of flair, and to ttent of variety. More often of the pitches have been sometimes mercilessly so: sometimes mercilessly so; s did not prevent the Paki-from beating Queensland hey were last in Australia lort tour, or the Australians eaung live Island sides when ere last in the West Indies. did it stop MCC sides in not so long ago from often short work, even of lirsteating five island sides when

wins matches in these four ies—Australia, West Indies, and Pakistan—is either ing speed, such as Tyson r Statham and Trueman, or for that matter when he felt sing it; or dashing stroke-such as Dexter was capable

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is. Nov 7.—The French ball magnate, Baron Bich, un-

magnate, Baron Bich, under the depth of two crushing defeats, and a third official challenge the challenge rules dictate, it he Yacht Club of Hyères, near the challenge rules dictate, it he Yacht Club of Hyères, near the challenge rules dictate, it he Yacht Club of Hyères, near the challenge rules dictate, it he yacht club that put in France's bid life. The Royal corinthian to the item of the rule o

t Club in Britain has also chald of for 1977, the earliest the can be run under the rules. It is year, the United States red the cup, beating the Australians descented Birk's hoat for the

defeated Bich's boat for the to challenge.—AP.

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or the possession of a good wrist spinner. Had MCC had one of these they would probably already this week have beaten South Australia. As things are, to break the deadlock we may have to wait for a helpful pitch, as at Rawal-pindl, or weak opposition, as at Hobart, or the tensions of a Test match, or a generous declaration. or a sudden flash of unwonted brilliance, which several of Den-ness's side, himself included, have

it in them to produce.

As it happens, it could be that Victoria will provide MCC with their first victory over one of the five Sheffield Shield sides since South Australia, were beaten after a declaration in December, 1965. They have only one top-class bats-man in Redpath—Stackpole, Shea-han and Lawry all played for Vic-toria before their retirement—and only one present Test bowler in Walker, although Higgs, who took 11 wickets in helping them beat Western Australia the other day, is obviously a threat. Higgs is a leg spinner, like Jenner, who alone of the South Australian bowlers, had MCC's batsmen in much trouble last weekend.

After much more rain than After much more rain than usual, stread over many weeks, the pitch at the Melbourne Cricket Ground is sure to be slow. So far this season the fast bowlers, Liller included, have at times been reaching the wicketkeeper on the first bounce. The ball is expected to turn later in the match, though never at any pace.

Denness, unfortunately, is still feeling the after-effects of the attack of 'flu which kept him out of the first game at POTL Lincoln.

of the first game at Port Lincoln.
After blood tests and an X-ray examination today the doctor says that, although there would seem to be nothing much the matter, it would be wiser for him not to play tomorrow. He would probbably have missed one state match before the first Test anyway. On MCC's last tour Illingworth, then

races on west

Yachts eligible will be those with handicap rating to international offshore rule—from 16ft to 70ft in Divisions A and B. The

first long distance race on July 18 will be either between Clyde and Criman for all divisions or

from Dun Laoghaire to Crinan for Division A and Bangor to Crinan for Division B.

The distillers are providing prizes for each division

the captain, missed the match against New South Wales which follows this one, through being run down. By Brisbane he was fit

In Denness's case there will be no need to worry if the antibiotics which have been prescribed achieve their purpose. He was in good form tonight at the reception which the Victorian Cricket Association traditionally give when which the Victorian Cricket Asso-ciation traditionally give when MCC first arrive in Melbourne. This was a delightful occasion with the Ponsford's mixing with the Poms and the speeches striking just the right note.

Amiss is fit to play for MCC, but not to field away from the bat for fear of throwing his arm out again. There were nets this morning, in sunshine and on reasonably good pitches, and if the people of Warmambool could have heard how much the party seem to have enjoyed yesterday's visit there they would be delighted. As MCC's aircraft took off from Warmambool, with the locals waving farewell, I had the same kind of feeling as when, on the way to Australia in the fifties, our ship sailed away from the Cocos Islands after dropping the provisions. Next time in Australia it would be good to go far into the outback, perhaps to Tennant Creek or Alice Springs, on a cricketing mission.

MCC: D. L. Amiss, D. Lloyd.

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VICTORIA: I. R. Redpath (captain), R. Baldry, R. Bright, J. D. Higgs. R. Nicholls, J. W. Scholes, A. J. Sieler, L. Stillman, G. Tambjon, A. L. Thomson, M. H. N. Walker, G. Yallop.

POONA: West Indians, 333 for 5 dec. IV R. Richards 102 not out, C. C. Greenidge 661; West Zone, 23 for no wit.

Table tennis

Distillers sponsor Leading players compete for coast of Scotland bigger prizes Tomatin Distillers Company announced yesterday their sponsorship of Scottish yacht racing in 1975. In conjunction with the Clyde Cruising Club. Tomatin will underwrite the Comet Wheel series of races to be held during Glasgow Fair Week from July 18 to 26.

Britain's leading eight men and four of the leading women will compete for £500 prize money in the Nissen Invitation table tends tournament, at Oulton, near Leeds,

this evening.

The first prize in the men's event will be £125, the first time that more than £100 has been paid since the limit on prize money for invitation events was remove this cummer. The competitors will be:

The Competions will be:

MEN: D. Nosie (Clevoland: I.
Taylo: (Bedfordshire). D. Douglas
(Warwickshire). N. Larvis (Cleveland: A.
Hydes (Yorkshire). C. Barnes
(Essox). Walker (Cleveland). D.
Parker (Lancashire).
WOMEN: J. Hammersley (Buckinghamahire). L. Roward (Surrey). K.
Mg thews (Middleser). S. Lisie
(Cheshire).

Rugby Union

All Blacks players of dubious pedigree

From Peter West Rugby Correspondent Limerick, Nov 7

After their indifferent start gainst Combined Universities in Cork yesterday the All Blacks can be under no illusions about the threat posed by their next oppo-nents, Munster, here on Saturday. Seven internationals have been seven internationals have been picked for the Munster side, although Moss Keane, the Irish lock is a doubtful starter because of a shoulder injury sustained in training. Brendan Foley, of Shanuon, is standing by.

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The All Blacks themselves will be fielding what is virtually their strongest side. The captain and number eight, Leslie, the lock. Whiting, and the wing, Batty, will be their only players who appeared yesterday. Whiting bruised a tingh in that game and missed today's training. The prop, Lambert, was also missing with some shoulder trouble. One of the new flankers, Knight, who is a doctor, went with them for physiotherapy treatment, at hospital. treatment, at hospital.

treatment, at hospital.

The manager, Noel Stanley, says that he expects Whiting to be fit for Saturday's match. On yesterday's evidence, Whiting needs all the match practice he can get. The Universities effectively cluttered up his line-out activities, but he hardly got of fithe ground for a proper jump al lafternoon.

The All Blacks began their training visit to the new National Coling visit to the new National Col-lege of Education in Limerick by closeting themselves in a changing room for well over an hour. Their room for well over an non-their coach, John Stewart, is no extro-vert conversationalist, but it is to be presumed that he was in con-sistently good voice on the subject of yesterday's trailties, most nor-ably the quite uncharacteristic per-

These, of course, are early days, and there are certain extenuating circumstances for a below-par performance. But a short tour is a crash, programme, and the All Blacks, now facing a series of hard

opponents, have little time to get things right. I have to sa ythat in retrospect their showing yesterday was the worst I have even seen from an All Blacks team and that includes the occasionally

poor midweek performances on the last tour.

As a shrewd judge remarked. if they had not been wearing the black jersey in Cork, who on earth could have guessed where they came from.

in these circumstances I expected to see a really strenuous train-ing period this afternoon, but this was far from being the case. They began by spending the best part of half an hour on some rather desultory touch rugby, the for-wards being opposed to the backs. They then spent a longer period spinning the ball through the three-quarters from line-outs. The shades of night were falling, and I had to leave to file this report, before they had started any scrummaging practice.

What happens in training is often misleading, but if Duncan Robertson, the All Blacks' shining new hope at stand-off, takes all his passes standing still, as he did today, his backs will be facing some problems in the next few weeks. Sidney Going's service was not often put in front of him. so that he could take the ball going forward, and I got an impression that their great scrum balf still was feeling the odd twinge from his ankle injury.

Cape Towo, Nov 7.—A former international player, Ian Kirk-patrick, is to replace Johan Classen as trainer of the South African rugby team now touring France. Mr Classen, suffering with severe influence was today admirted to Mr Claassen, suffering with severe influenza, was today admitted to hospital at Nice, where the Springboks opened their tour by beating a Provence side 10—7. The touring side have moved on to Lyons, where they will be joined by the new trainer.—Agence France-

Horse show

Rest agrees with Sportsman

Broome, of Great Britain, took the lead for the individual championship at the National Horse Show at Madison Square Garden last tight when he rode Sportsman to victory in the international jumping speed competition. The win gave Broome a 22-10 margin over Dennis Murphy, of the United States team, who rode Tuscaloosa to third place

in last night's class. Eight horses jumped the 12 barriers without a fault. Sportsman and Broome finished the course in 37.2sec. The runners-up were Hendrik Snoek. West Germany's solorepresentative, on Rasputin, with a time of 37.9sec. Tuscaloosa and Murphy went round in 38.3sec.

the United States remained on top by a 24 to 22 margin over Great Britain. France are third with eight points and Snoek, going it alone, has compiled six points for West Germany. That is two better than the performance of the Canadian team. They, in turn, are tied with Commandant E. W. Campion, Ireland's lone rider, at four points

Broome said of Sportsman, after the winning ride: "This horse is damned nice. He doesn't get a lot of work because he neither needs or work because he helder heads nor wants a lot. He was out only four times last week at the Wash-ington show and tonight was his first look here. But rest seems to agree with him. He won tonight and that's what counts .- Reuter.

Looking beyond the winning post

I have always thought that the ideal athletics correspondent would be a former Olympic decathlon champion who had also accept the bitter sectariae strife accept the bitter sectariae strife woo a Pulitzer Prize for sports reporting. For those of us who like keeping our jobs there have been some disturbingly close approaches to that ideal combina-

Fortunately, ease with the pen and the spikes do not often go together. In the end we look for a partnership between champion and reporter to produce the clearest insight about competition at the top. We could hardly have a happier literary marriage than a happier literary marriage than that between Mary Peters and Ian Wooldridge which has given birth to Mary P. Autobiography (Stanley Paul, £2.75). Miss Peters, as all the world knows, was Olympic pentathlon gold medal winner in 1972 and Wooldridge, as readers of the Daily Mail and admiring colleagues know, was chosen Sports Journalist of the Year in 1972.

Illustrated.

Apart from their separate talents of winning on the track and in the press box. "Mary P." and "Woolers" share one important asset for facing the troubled world of the seventies. That is the capacity to look beyond the winning post and the walls of the stadium and appreciate that life is much more complex than one

accept the batter sectarian strife and then, as she rose to the top in sport, even as the bloodshed increased, she was determined to do what little she could to heal the hearth between Catholic and the breach between Catholic and Procestant. As she reveals in this tion, including the American Processant. As she reveals in this marathon runner, Kenny Moore, book for the first time, she felt who writes so well for Sports she could avoid being biased after her gradual conversion to athei from the time of her mother's early death. She is happy to say McShane, were made "as welcome in the Shankill Road as in the Catholic Falls. I try to help young

Two productions: best all-round woman in the world and best all-round book

or old people in any way that can unite our community Even in the moment of triumph in Munich when she won the pentathion, the shadow reached out from Belfast with a death threat to her telephoned via the invaded and murder took place in the Olympic village. Mary Peters, at first surrounded by security, still returned early to Belfast for a ticker-tape parade Only a for Israeli team's headquarters were

Only a few months later Buster McShane, the coach whose dyna-mism meant so much to her, was killed in a car accident. Left on her own it was typical of Miss Peters's determination that she decided to train alone for her final appearance at the Commonwealth Games because it was something she could win both for Buster and

last pentachion of her career by walking across the Christchurch stadium to greet some chairbound paraplegic competitors.

This is a moving story about an ordinary athlete who matured through handicaps and bardship. but also great good humour, to become the best all round woman athlete in the world. I do not agree with Mary about the unimportance of a team captain in athletics she felt differently herself, onceand her fulsome praise of team manager, Mares Hartman, may he manager, mares marinian, may ne partially prompted by gratitude for the way Miss Hartman has recently tried to enhance her professional career since retirement from the professional career since retirement from the professional statement from the partial professional statement from the profess amateur athletics. There are times amateur attuents. There are times when what are supposed to be Miss Peters's own words into a tape recorder hear too intrusively the stamp of Wooldridge's typewriter keys. For all the human warmen of the heart I would have a warmen. the book I would have preferred more technical and statistical in-formation, though the 18 pages of photographs are a rich bonus.

But how far shead of the usual ghosted " sporting biography is "ghosted" sporting biography is this successful collaboration. Wooldridge has written with the same skill with which he administers dry Martinis, and Mary Peters has which she has often told the latest Rabelaisian rale to all "you lovely, bad fellas in the pres

Neil Allen

Playing the game by the rules

Until recently I was unaware that my knowledge of sport lacked such information as the inversion rule in Boules or the duration of a paddleball match. Nobody had asked me and I am not expecting them to do so, which is a great pity because I know the answers, or at least know the answers to find the processing and presentation of that information, it was inevitable that the definition reader would have room or at least know where to find them, having acquired a remark-ably ambitious book called Rules of the Comp. of the Game (Paddington Press Ltd, f6.95). It is otherwise des-cribed as "The Complete Illus-trated Encyclopedta of all the Sports of the World" which is one of its less accurate state-

ments.

The book, which weighs three pounds (an important point if your do it yourself bookshelves are and games and is being published in both Britain and America. It are 150 sports on the 320 pages, would seem that more copies are expected to end up on the American coffee tables than in private libraries of England. It is a book to have rather than read—invaluable on those rare occasions when you want to have rather occasions when you want to have rather than read—invaluable on those rare occasions when you want to be a nother 150 unmentioned others being played somewhere in the world. as uncertain as mine), contains the illustrated rules of over 150 sports and games and is being published uable on those rare occasions when you want to know the weight of a javelin or when junior has been set a project on some esoteric pastime. In those terms, I would dare suggest that it is the best euide ever produced and certainly

. The immediate temptation is to turn to a subject about which one

ost colourful and beautifully

mption, it was inevitable that the pedantic reader would have room to be critical. But the whole aim of the book is to explain, visually if pussible, the rules of sports about which you may know pathing. pothing.

The second temptation is to think of some obscure game or sport, perhaps peculiar to England, and England has a lot of peculiar sports, and be offended when not finding it mentioned. This would be unfair if the editors had not made themselves vulnerable by using the indefensible phrase "the

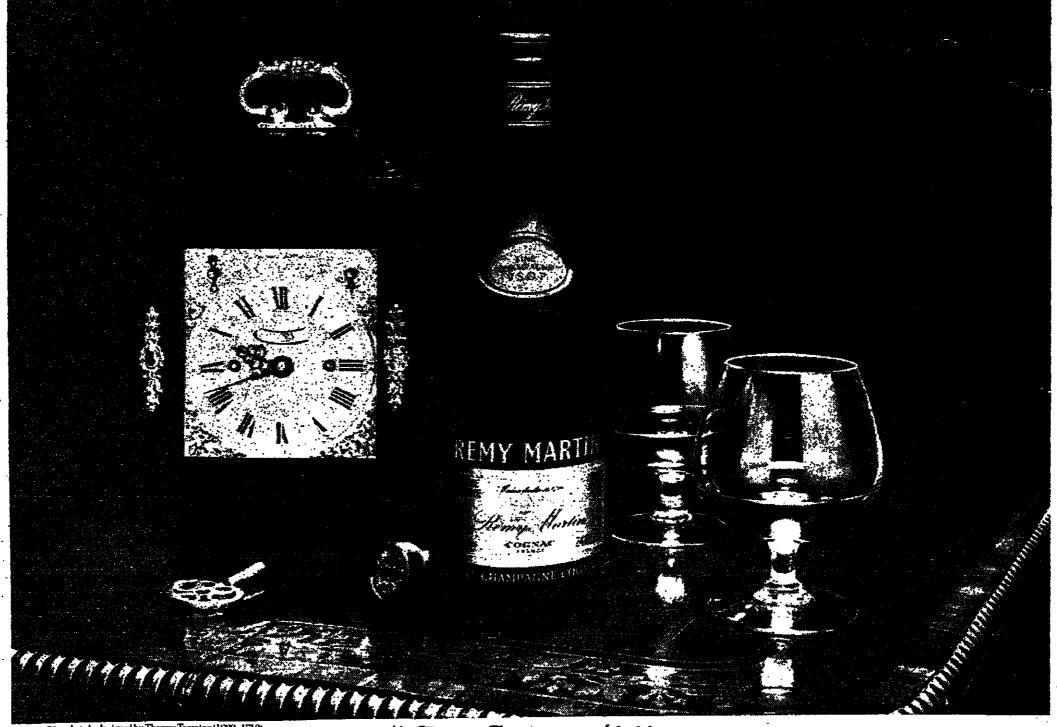
signt contains is caused by the frequent use of Americanisms though these rately hinder and the diagrams solve most of the doubts. In fact, I found the diagrams by in ract. I found the diagrams by the book, especially on those sub-jects which seem to have won popularity primarily through ex-posure on television. This applied to show jumping, moto-cross, but not professional wrestling which, presumably and rightly in my view,

growing sports, squash and gymnastics, for instance, are well and precisely covered, but the editors have not caught up with one of the latest and most interesting sports inventions, hang gliding. Karate and its relations, except the current rage, Kung Fu, are there for the trend followers.

Obviously, the purist is going to find some faults: a few examples might be that no motorcyclists would use the term "scrambles racing" or try to race on a grass track with a machine "suitable for short road races", cricketers with a find themselves in interior might find themselves in inactive areas of the field if they followed areas of the field if they followed the field placings shown in the diagrams. Small criticisms indeed when surveying the work of 38 people over four years. My only doubt is whether there is a British market for such a lavish production—the publishers may have overlooked the fact that only in the last few years have the British become more sports minded and less football obsessed. Or perhaps they have gauged that feeling at just the right moment and will ride on the new waves of enthsiasm for participant sports. This is no book for anyone who claims to be interested in sport but whose interest wanes at 4.45 on Saturday afternoon.

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Gamblers who stake their lives on a cure

Gamblers Anonymous, the organization which this week critized the Bishop of Durham for saying that gambling can be fun, helps compulsive gamblers to help themselves.

it is like a second birthday to him. His life had become such misery before then, and has improved so much since, that he sees himself as having been

He was a compulsive gambler, and so was his father, a London doctor. They both found salva-tion through Gamblers Anonymous, a body that was formed on the model of Alcoholics Anonymous in America and has recently completed its first 10 years in the United Kingdom.

Peter, aged 27, was the eldest of three children in a home progressively wrecked by his father's gambling. "It started when I was five and my mother was having my sister, their third child. At a time when she needed him most he was out there sitting in a bridge clubhe comes from a family of

"He progressed to the dogs and horses, and soon crossed the invisible lines from controlled gambling to habitual gambling to compulsive gambling.

"It became a life of continuous, terrible rows between him and my mother, with her screaming 'What are you doing their sense of spiritual values. to us?' She was the one who And that is the one thing they was suffering most, as is so often the case.

"He would swear on the Bible, on the life of the children, never to gamble again, and she would bail him out. But it is a mistake to help the compulsive gambler with money. There will always be another crisis, and it will be worse."

In 1964, with the doctor on the brink of bankruptcy and of being struck off the medical register, a newspaper article appeared about the formation of Gamblers Anonymous in Eng-

Peter was out of the country at the time. On his return he was met by his parents at the airport, and found that his father had not placed a bet for three weeks. "I could already see a change in him. There was a degree of self-respect in his eyes, instead of self-hatred."

The transformation had a perverse effect on Peter, who dates his own compulsion to gamble from about that time, although he believes he showed earher SYMPTOMS of compulsive be-

'Relieved only when I lost everything'

He recalls the tremendous, all-absorbing excitement he obrained from gambling, the de-graded, dream-like state of isolation into which it put him, the thrill of winning and the impossibility of holding on to his winnings. "In such a state you forget that you can lose, and go on until you do", he said.
"The only time I felt emotion." ally relieved was when I had lost everything."

Gamblers Anonymous works by holding a mirror up to the victim of the illness. At a GA meeting, he will hear the con-" of others, and if he is ready to do so will recognize much of himself in their stories. He will learn that he is not just unlucky, as so many gamblers tell themselves, but that he has a personality disorder. Meetings are known as week-

Peter Y last placed a bet on March 23, 1972. He holds the date close to his heart, because it is like a second birthday to shows a real desire to recover, he will be offered a "pressure group" meeting at which other members sort out the mountain of debts and work out a budget through which creditors can be repaid. If he is married, his wife

will be invited too. The organization, which now has nearly a thousand active members at between 45 and 50 groups throughout the United Kingdom, is self-financing, and does much work of this kind for no financial reward.

"The casino used to be the

only place I felt emotionally comfortable". Peter said. "Now the only place I feel comfortable is the GA room. We substitute for our compulsion to gamble a compulsion to help

other compulsive gamblers.

"Although GA is recognized today as the most successful place for the compulsive gambler who wants to stop, it is frightening to think there must be hundreds of thousands world-class bridge players. That of compulsive gamblers in this was where his gambling started. country. Thousands come through our doors once or rwice and never return, and some return years later in worse trouble

trouble.

"The great majority of those who are ready for help have got to the point where they are mentally exhausted. They usually come to us when they have lost everything, including can get back. Over the years you see an amazing transforma-

GA's moralistic concern does not extend to gambling as a whole, although its founder-patron, the Rev Gordon Moody, secretary of the Churches' Council on Gambling, says that the proliferation of gambling outlets in Points outlets in Britain has been accompanied by an increase in the number of compulsive

gamblers.
Some who do not like the revivalistic atmosphere of the meetings have benefited from psychiatric help, according to Dr Ronald Casson, honorary psychiatrist to Gamblers psychiatrist Anonymous.

Using drive to pay off debts

"I think they pond to treatment if you are able to understand why they are gambling, and help them to understand", he said. "At heart they are wishful thinkers, trying to be more successful but in an unrealistic, immature

Peter Y thinks the compulsive gambler often has a strong drive that can be of great value if used constructively. He says that he is himself now earning an "amazing income" as a professional salesman; so the things he dreamed of at the casinos, while paying off his enormous debts at £150 a

His father has just been awarded the GA diamond pin for ten betless years-the first man to receive the honour outside America—and is a first-class doctor. Peter says.

"I grew up hating my father, a mixture of pity and hate. Now I have a relationship with him; I love him; be is my dearest friend, and I respect him more than any other man

The Gamblers Anonymous telephone number in London is 01-352 3060.

Neville Hodgkinson

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Watership Down and the irresistible rise of **Richard Adams**

There are few things more difficult in the literary world than to follow a best-seller. Next Thursday sees the publication of Shardik (Allen Lane, £3.25), a 250,000-word saga of an incarnate god in the form of a gigantic bear in an unidentified country long ago and far away. It is the second book in the remarkably short literary career of Richard Adams, a former civil servant in his early fifties. He recently gave up Whitehall after 25 years with a goodbye flourish of a luncheon party in Soho for his senior colleagues and what he calls a "rank-and-file" do in a Victoria pub.

If his colleagues were surprised at his early retirement Adams himself still wears an expression of amazement at his success. It is seven years since he started writing in the hours after supper. His rabbit odyssey, Watership Down, was his first writing effort apart from reports on playing fields, coastlines, pol-lution or the threat of the Thames flooding. lution or the threat of the Thames flooding. The story Adams began to tell his daughters on the way to school in the car has become one of the freaks of twentieth-century publishing. It sold half a million in America, and 300,000 in paperback in this country.

It has won the Carnegie Medal and The Guardian award for children's writers. Macmillan of New York is said to have paid \$800,000 for the book the leggest sum for paperback.

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Four publishers turned it down, as did three Four publishers turned it down, as did three agents, and there will be many a red face at the knowledge that Adams has kept the fat file of letters. In 1972 his final publisher, Rex Collings, published a first hard-back edition of only 2,000, collectors' pieces now, and Adams has 10 locked up in his bank.

Richard Adams is a country doctor's son brought up near Newbury. He went at eight to pres school where he remembers playing

to prep school, where he remembers playing cricket against the real Christopher Robin, and after an unhappy start at Bradfield ended up as head boy. He says he goes back again and again to his childhood, remembering with longing that kind of ecstatic vision and the beauty

He is not a believer in messages in fiction. He says of the new book: "I hope I've written a Rider Haggard story, full of blood, ghosts, darkness, mysterious religion on a mysterious island. Objective stories have been a harmful syndrome in western literature. They are dominated by the problems of their heroes or heroines, who are constantly questioning their values. But there's a very respectable kind of story in which the hero's problems are outside himself. Homer is not interested in who's sleeping with whom or why; he has no problems of conscience. As an orthodox Christian, I feel there isn't really a lot of agonizing to be done. I couldn't write a story about right and wrong."
There is no hint of prepublication nerves

about him. He admits to being absolutely confident about Shardik. "I've good grounds", he says. "All the people who've read it like it very much, and they're hard-headed, sceptical people. Allen Lane has a first print of 30,000, the New Fiction Society here has made it one of its first books, and the American Literary Guild has chosen it as its first selection for

Guild has chosen it as its first selection for May." Shardik, too, was written in the evenings, a habit which persists in spite of his new-found freedom.

He has not found it hard to adapt to his new way of life. "What you need is self-discipline", he says. "But no human being who's been through the tough upbringing of prep school and public school is without that. I'm shocked by the products of the new permissive education, they're a scruffy lot. I demand obedience from my children, I've been written about as a domestic tyrant, but we written about as a domestic tyrant, but we don't think so here."

Adams will not talk about the money, or his future plans. He has lived in the same house in Canonbury for 22 years. His wife, Elizabeth, is an English ceramics expert, and the couple have two teenage daughters. He has not been out of England, except to go to

has not been out of England, except to go to America recently, for 20 years.

One of his greatest pleasures, he says, is meeting people. "One of the advantages of my success", he says, "is being able to meet famous people on sufficiently equal terms." He carries in his wallet a photograph of Groucho Marx, whom he invited to lunch in los Angeles.

Los Angeles.

What he would like to have said about him is that he ranks alongside Lewis Carroll, Kenneth Grahame, A. A. Milne and Tolkien as a writer of books for children and adults.

of books for children and adults.

At the moment he is 30-odd pages into a new book, this time a black comedy. "I thought I'd try my hand at a kind of Catch 22", he explains, "something sardonic and satirical." It is the story of two talking dogs who escape from a laboratory in the Lake District, carrying bubonic plague. "It's a most fearful place", he care "a lead of animal concentration camp, says, "a kind of animal concentration camp, where they have all kinds of unpleasant experiences. They run wild, kill sheep, and all kinds of people are involved in catching them—the police, the ministry, and it builds up into a national scandal." The press, towards which he has a fair arment of arisms towards well a many and the police. has a fair amount of animosity, may well come in for some heavy treatment. The book includes a journalist called Nuggins, "the man you can't

gag.".

The book has a happy ending. The dogs swim out to see and are picked up by one of Adams's real live heroes, Peter Scott. "I'm not a sentimentalist", he says, "but we've been very irresponsible toward animals. We waste them."

Jenny Rees

An ancient Briton adds to the history of leprosy



The Poundbury Camp skeleton by courtesy of Journal of Archaeological Science, 1, and Leprosy Review, 45.

The bones of a person who died to make calculations about the in Dorser 16 centuries ago have cast significant new light on our knowledge of the Roman Empire and the early history of Britain. Because of modern disturbance, all that remains of whoever he was is the bones below the knees. It is impossible to esti-mate the sex or age of the former tenant of the bones, only that he or she was a mature adult. But their pathology shows beyond a scruple of a doubt that whoever it was had a bad case of leprosy. This puts back the first authenticated record of leprosy in northern Europe by

several centuries.

The medical historians esti-mate that the mutation of leprosy evolved somewhere in the eastern Mediterranean in the econd century BC. It was diffidently assumed by those in the assumption-making business that the Romans brought leprosy with all their other Mediterranean exports to Britain. By the historical Saxon period leprosy, which flourishes in a cold climate, had become a terrible scourge in northern Europe. It is possible that a record of a leprous skeleton from the Dark Ages will soon be published. But until the Roman laner iver found in Dorset the leper just found in Dorset the earliest case of leprosy in Britain recorded, proved and published was early medieval.

The Dorset bones are 700 ears earlier than that. They were exhumed at Poundbury Camp, Dorchester, the largest Romano-British cemetery ever excavated. Under the direction of Christopher Green, about 800 skeletons have been dug up so far in this apparently Christian burial-ground. They will eventu-

average height and other physi- phrased in jargon rebarbative cal attributes of early Britons. to all but anatomists, but it is The bodies are encased in lead coffins, which have preserved more hair and muscle than archaeologists could have hoped process with gypsum, also imported from the Mediterranean, has been used.

The leprous bones were iden-

tified by Rachel Reader, a physical anthropologist (an expert with skeletons), who is a consultant for the Ancient Monuments Laboratory of the Department of the Environment on the site. They showed the classic symptoms of leprosy defined by V. Moller-Christensen, the great Danish master of bone archaeology, who founded the science on his excavation of a medieval leper colony. The shin-bones were rough and pitted with chronic inflamma-tory periositiis. The phalanges of the hallux (big toe) and other toes were eroded to points in what the Americans describe, with hideous but vivid metaphor, as "the sucked candy syndrome".

For a young physical anthro-pologist to make such a dis-covery is the equivalent in her field of Schliemann digging up "Agamemnon" or Archimedes displacing his hath-water by leaping out shouting "Eureka". What Rachel Reader in fact said, as she unpacked the small parcel of bones in the laboratory was: "A pound to a trouser-button, that's leprosy." Her instant diagnosis has been con-firmed by Dr W. H. Jopling, consultant leprologist to the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, London We have a clear and ally supply a superb sample to authenticated case of leprosy feed into a computer in order in Britain at about 350 AD.

unmistakable. The lateral posterior aspects of the tibiac and the medial and posterior aspects of the fibulae, show for: some kind of embalming extensive pitting and furrowing with small, irregular osseous deposits. The right foot is far more severely deformed than the left; the third, fourth and fifth metatarsals show marked resorption of the capitula, with extreme tapering of the shafts. In grosser language, the toebones are tapering away to points and slivers. Some of the foot-bones have completely vanished, but the chances and changes of 16 centuries underground in a cemetery make it imprudent to place much weight on their absence. Even on the left foot, ocular and radio-graphic inspection shows distortion and erosion that can only have been caused by

The evidence is detailed and

leprosy. At some time in the fourth century somebody suffering from severe leprosy was buried at Poundbury. He was not buried separately, away from the others, as lopers were in the Middle Ages. Digging now continues to see whether the Poundbury Camp leper was an isolated case, perhaps a legion-ary with leprosy drafted in from North Africa or the Middle East and dying before he could pass on the disease, which is believed to have been more virulent than the modern strains. more leprous skeletons may be found, proving that the disease was becoming endemic as early as the fourth century. Either way, Rachel Reader and her bones have rewritten an important footnote of history.

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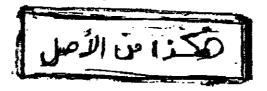
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Douglas's My Childhood My Ain Folk (the first two of a trilogy of which the is now in production) is ue in the cinema as a direct oiographical reminiscence, n infancy recalled without ment or affection, only ish and regret. Maybe s were not exactly like this ality; but even if the grim-were not so mercilessly unved, this is undoubtedly the a bastard childhood in an vine Scottish mining village. Childhood is set in 1945. e is eight years old and live is eight years old and liv-with his maternal grand-ier and Tommy—who may is brother or his cousin, or . His mother (or perhaps mother) is in a mental ital; and the two boys seek lentify their fathers among grimy cloth-capped men the mines. Jamie's only nd is a German prisoner of working in the fields; and n he goes, and the grandher dies, and Tommy is sent
to a home, he is all alone.

y Ain Folk takes up the
y a while later, Jamie is bigand a couple of years more sed and battered into him-Now he is living with anr grandmother, not an evil nan, but ignorant, without a e of feeling or understand-In the next-door cottage s one of her sons with his woman and their child. other son comes and goes is caught in bed with the y woman. Granny's husband

lady's stern housekeeping l uncertain temper. Finally nie too will be carted off to low Tommy to a home. t has become legendary that l Douglas, who is ordinarily most gentle and kindly and irming of humans, takes on nething of the demonic when comes to shoot these films anguish, explain his collabor-is (hardly one of whom yed from the first film to the cond) which seems to come om a combination of the pain

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Stephen Archibald

of remembering and the frenzy of creation.

The fact is not, I think, in any way irrelevant to the final effect of the films. More than with any other work I can recall in the cinema you have the sense of a purification by fire. The images are bright and clear and composed. The structure is in brief, impressionistic scenes cool and classical in the manner of telling; the dialogue is sparse and cutting. Everything is simple and essential. Of My Childhood Douglas wrote: "It is a deliberate attempt to contract the length of the feature film as it is accepted in the commercial cinema. I have pared down to reach for the essentials. The autobiographical factor is the main component. The childhood of the title is literally my childhood and the incidents that I recount are,

Rolf Liebermann has promised

a fresh look at the French re-

works announced for this sea-

son, Les Contes d'Hoffmann-

director imported from the

For him Hoffmann is a drunk a wash-out, a loser, Nicolai Gedda staggers into Luther's

cellar, which looks rather like

a turn of the century brasserie in Les Halles. He is dishevelled,

his rie is hanging down some-where in the middle of his

do service for the sleeping as well as the waking hours. He

The surprises are not confined

for sidence; Hoffmann stands up

for the first of his three stories

and sings "Le nom de la prem-ière était Giulieua". Apparently

there was a certain amount of-

tut-tutting on the first night

that Olympia was to be sent in

down the order rather than

open the innings. And there was even more disaffection

when Venice turned out to look like a confrontation between

Rotherhithe Docks and Belgrave

Souare.

and he begins.

them.

with a few variations, things that actually happened to me. This is not a dreamlike film composed of languid memories. It is a hard film made up of elementary contrasts: a few big events that have great impor-tance and the silence and the sounds that surround them."
The effect is volcanic. You are

always uneasily conscious of a seething, eruptive emotion just below the cool surface. The grown man observes the child from a distance in time; but the wounds remain unhealable. In both films Jamie is played by Stephen Archibald (presumably the film was planned as a trilogy to permit him to age suitably over a period of four or five years). He is always more alone, more fearful, more suspicious, subdued beyond bearing. Like a frightened animal he work his pears were himself he wets his pants, wets himself as he sits apathetic and vacant

Hoffman without the romance

in school, were the bed of the greyhound that alone can seduce kindness from Granny. He even pees in the milk in a moment of terror-inspired guile. He's not in any case allowed to use granny's well-kept lav; and must do it in the lane and scratch the earth

to cover it like a dog.

The emphasis on micrurition and defecation is not incidental. Jamie's whole life has the dreadful rags and urine whiff of long-ago slum schools. The moments of drama in between are small relief-granny bashing the fancy woman next door, or serenely looking on while her son bashes Jamie, or setting a mouse-trap to catch an apple-thief. Jamie only laughs once, at the irresistible joke of watch-ing Tommy rob his father, on a rare uncomfortable visit to the children's home. The only children's home. The only moment of doubtful tenderness is when his granny, in drink,

slops a maudin kiss upon him. Even this is something: "Make ma Granny drunk every night", he prays, in one of his few ver-bal unterances.

so completely tempered and translated by the creative pro-cess, you feel only the sense of enrichment and privilege that very rare works of art in the cinema can offer.

dentally, at people who react to the film with a certain indig nation, complaining because they cannot identify who is who. The fact is that neither can Jamie: you are asked to share his bewilderment and worry: and at the end if you are patient, you begin like him to have a pretty good idea of who all these people are, and how

The film might have been depressing in its despair; but because the experience has bee...

I have been surprised, inc.

John Higgins

David Robinson

the poor little devil ever came to be given birth. On Sunday night at the Colle giate Theatre, Tom Brandon, the veteran American film distrib-utor, will introduce a special programme of the kind of polit ical and social films whose dis-tribution he pioneered in the

Grey and misty, fragmentary, disintegrating in the very pro-jector, the newsreels of the Film and Photo League witness a profound social revolution. In the fatal workers' demonstration against Henry Ford in 1932, and the ington in December of that year, you can see the first beginnings of the civil rights movements of the sixties and seventies.

Some of the films are naive. but always touching in their dedication. Millions Of Us, with oseudonymous credits that conceal the identity of some now very distinguished Hollywood names, is a simple socialist mor-ality about a starving unemployed worker who is dissuaded from strike-scabbing to join the unity of labour. Pie in the Sky is a ridiculous improvisation on the theme of the old Joe Hill parody of "The Sweet By and Bye". What makes it extra-ordinary, apart from its artless verve, is the talent that created it—Irving Lerner, Ralph Steiner and Kyle Crichton (doing the titles). The main acting role is played by a very young Elia Kazan, a jolly clown, whose socialist commitment has no foresight or fear of the terrors and betrayals of the Black List which were to overtake his generation.

Bawdy Tales looks as if it might be a few minutes less bawdy than when it began life in Italy as Storie Scellerate.
Directed by a protege of Pier
Paolo Pasolini, Sergio Citti,
scripted by Pasolini, and starring Pasolini's two favourite actors, Franco Citti and Ninetto Davoli, it is a direct tribute to the older director's series of anthology films, but a good way behind even the worst of them in terms of conception, looks and mise-en-scène.

Citti and Davoli are two itinerant rascals who exchange bawdy tales while defecating leisurely, and later, not less leisurely, awaiting execution for murder. The tales all concern erring wives and libidinous priests, and end in murder or castration or both. It is heavy going, even if you like that kind of funning to begin with.

Cosi fan tutte.

Congress, Eastbourne

Stanley Sadie

What ", Jonathan Miller asks in the programme notes for this new Kent Opera production, "happens in Cosi fan tutte?"
He proceeds to isolate the essence of the work: through masquerade, the characters are made to realize the mysteries of their own personalities. This is true enough and has been said before—but I have not before seen such a production so purposefully or so austerely dedicated to its demonstration. To most of us, although this realization stands as the serious centre of the work, there is more to Così besides. The music portrays amorous emotion at many different levels; it speaks of youthful high spirits; it hints liberally at locale and atmosphere. A producer needs to respond to the music itself as well as to the ideas. One does Mozart a better service to realize the implications of the music as fully as possible, and to see the work in its context as an opera buffa of its time, with the social conventions relevant to it. The moral message may safely be let speak for itself.

Dr Miller's production is given in a single sparse, symmetrical setting (by Bernard Culshaw): a wall at the back with a pair of doorways, a central chaise-longue, a pair of benches. The characters are all very simply dressed, with the officers, in civilian clothes at the start, in uniforms and moustaches for their disguise (they are never referred to as Albanians). The concentration on the bones of the plot brought out a good deal of interplay between characters — though stage business is minimal—but practically nothing of individual characterization; in fact the singers were (no doubt intentionally) placed at a disadvantage in the projecting of their music by having to sing much of it sitting down or even (Ferando's first aria) slumped on the floor.

It was perhaps unsurprising, then, that the actual singing made no strong impression. Most of the voices were quite light. Elisabeth Ander was a firm, even-toned Fiordiligi; tietà " was most expressively done. There were touches of graceful phrasing from Margaret Cable, a somewhat slight Dorabella. Soo-Bee Lee sang Despina a shade coarsely. The Ferrando was Neil Jen-

kins, sometimes nasal in tone but singing cleanly and quite eloquently in "Tradito, scher-nito". Thomas Lawlor's Guglielmo had ample resonance. It was surely a mistake to have him sing "Donne mie" as a furious tirade against womankind rather than a goodhumoured reprimand; after all, he had not been betrayed yet. Patrick McGuigan was a capable Alfonso.

In tune with the seriousness

of the production, Roger Norrington conducted with uni-formly slow tempos. There was shaped, carefully textured, precisely accented playing—not the whole truth about the score, yet a joy to listen to, a reading for the connoisseur. The Kent Opera Orchestra is small and needs more string tone; but it plays very responsively.

Makarova Curiously, her features remain almost unmoving throughrelates her to whatever is going

Song of the Earth Covent Garden

A whole new side to

John Percival

Natalia Makarova's reason for leaving the Kirov Ballet was to widen her scope. Wednesday's performance of Song of the Earth justified her action, revealing a whole new side of her talent and showing her at a peak of tragic expressiveness.

Not since Marcia Haydée, the

inspiration and first interpreter of MacMillan's choreography, has this role been so vividly danced. It is an enormously demanding part. The last movement alone, during which she is scarcely ever off the stage, is than many one-act ballets, and she is the focus of the second movement too.

Even judged just on grounds of technique, it would have been an outstanding performance. The sharpness and thrust of her turns, the smoothness of her bourrees, the quick exact-ness of little movements and firm holding of every sustained pose also contributed to the detail of expression. She has grasped the way the choreography itself attempts embody the meaning Mabler's sung symphony.

Besides that, she brings two other notable gifts to the part. One is the unusual flexibility and strength of her arm move ments, thrusting out from her shoulders like wings, twisting it grief, stretching out in tenderness. The other is the way she uses her head, in the literal sense, I mean.

out, but the angle at which she holds or turns her head always on around her, and so do the movements of her brightly glittering eyes, always alert for the slightest nuance of the action. This is tragic acting on a scale of intensity one sees rarely on any stage.

David Wall brings out warmly the humanity of the central male role, and Anthony Dowell the inhumanity of the Messenger of Death. The ballet is not at the same level of imagina the same level of imagina. tion when the leading woman is off stage, and invention sags in the three successive scherzos, but Lesley Collier's bright assurance makes something of the third song.

The orchestra strained badly at some passages, without excuse, since Ashley Lawrence's tempi were good and it was the sixth time in a month they had played the work. Not until halfway through the last contralto song did Bernadette Greevy strike real form, and John Mitchinson made sadly little of the tenor role.

Stravinsky's Scenes de Ballet, Stravinsky's Scènes de Ballet, too, although better played than on opening night, left something of suavity and glitter to be desired. Antoinette Sibley brings those qualities, however, to the ballerina role, and Michael Coleman danced strongly. The supporting ensemble was far more together than the last time I saw the work, but the attack and the chic of earlier casts seems to have been lost altogether.

Fourth Day Like Four Long Months of Absence

Theatre Upstairs

Irving Wardle

Anyone who has tried to write a play will remember the fun of the first few pages with all the characters chatting merrily away, free to do whatever they like. Then the doubts begin. Are these people too private; or too public? Are they going any-where? And if so, do they want to go or are you pushing them? At which point speech freezes on their lips and the scene goes into the trash can.

Not so, it seems, in the case of Colin Bennett, whose unrepeatedly titled piece suggests a string of salvaged first scenes, glued together in random sequence Lurking among them there is the shadow of a theme: something to do with an omnipresent death culture (which boils down to television and the theatre) and the ways in which people support or resist it. This theme has been haunting our stage for years. But what Mr Bennett has written is the old one about the playwright vainly trying to compose a play, and making a play out of his failure to do so.

As to detail, we start with the discovery of a cavern somewhere underneath the Fleet Line, with a media archaeologist in a miner's helmet chortling over his scoop. This turns to a squawk of terror when a door swings open revealing the guardian of the shrine—a crimson-robed She-figure from whose vaporous tirade one garbers to be a martial Aphrodite waiting for the tanks to roll and establish the rule of love. She pops up again from time to time in the imagination of Chelsea, the jobless playwright who is the next character to appear.

We first see him in conference with a TV producer who is treating Chelsea's script to the same kind of niggling objections that I have applied to Mr Ben- The Speakers.

nett. To these the author replies with proper contempt by re-counting a Victorian plot to smother the countryside in winkles (or perhaps it was shrimps). Back home, Chelsez sinks into a creative trance, handing the dialogue over to his two militant actress friends who are planning to "stop these young middle-class professionals from coming into the district" by organizing abuse and laugh squads to humidiate them from among the garden gnomes.
Other suggestions are offered by
a visiting night-cleaner who
uses his job as a cover for

affice sabotage. Next on the scene is a frus-trated Halifax boiler-maker and his jeering wife who accuse each other of masturbation: followed by a pair of lurur flat doormen in gold-braided top hats who conduct a civilian equivalent of the Sergeant and Private dialogue. As played by Malcolm Ingram and William Hoyland, this is a splendid comic demonstration of how traditional status parterns underlie the surface of democratic speech. But again, after

their duologue the couple vanish to be seen no more. Putting all the scenes gether you come up with the message of Aphrodite; indeed. in praise of long-range contact by copulation, it seems there was nothing for Marconi to invent. But one cannot fairly hold the play to that, or any other opinion; as it consists of bits and pieces—scraps of Shaftesbury Avenue hitchery. acid talk-all of which peter out the moment before the playwright has to take responsibility for his characters and for what they do.

Max Stafford-Clark directs them against a fossilized plastic back wall (by Diana Greenwood) combining the imprint of ancient vegetation with inbuilt electronic equipment. Carole Hayman and Caroline Hutchinson spar with vicious authen-ticity as Chelsea's sharp-clawed companions; Chelsea himself is played by Tony Rohr with some of the anarchic clowning which he brought so memorably to

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William Mann

Pierre Boulez's concerts are not always tough going: On Wednesday for the special audience of the Royal Philharmonic Society, noted for its rather conserva-tive taste, he tempered the wind (in the form of Schoenberg's violin concerto) by including Mozarr's A major symphony K201 and the original version of Stravinsky's Firebird performed complete (assuming that my eyes deceived me into spor-ting a short cut before the Infernal Dance).

The Schoenberg fiddle concerto used to be considered as difficult to listen to as to play. The composer hoped that it would sound as accessible as Tchaikovsky's. When you have Zvi Zeitlin as the soloist, Schoenberg's wish almost comes true, for Mr Zeitlin brings sparkle and feathery lightness to the rapid decorative phrases, and intense warmth of feeling to the cantabile themes, of

Surprisingly, the orchestral part of this performance was less revelatory than might be expected from Boulez and his own orchestra: the thematic entries were boldly character-ized, often a shade early off the

which there are many more to enjoy than audiences formerly

supposed.

mark so that the pulse of the music tended to swerve; some points of balance needed further adjustment (eg, woodwind in the reprise of the slow move-ment), and the code of the first movement hung fire. The finale found all concerned at their most persuasive. There was some untidy play-

ing, and some dull interpreta-tion, in the Mozart symphony. Not so in Firebird. It was a treat to bear and see three harps and the two extra brass bands, and to hear the wealth of glorious music that separates the celebrated numbers of the concert suites. The various principals of the orchestra revelled in their solos, especially Alan Civil; and Boulez conducted the score with a strong sense of theatre as well as romantic appreciation.

Alexander Goehr's new

Bernard Haitink and the London

Philharmonic Orchestra will

give the first performance of

Alexander Goehr's Metamor-

phosis/Dance, a 25-minute work

commissioned by the orchestra,

at the Festival Hall on Sunday,

November 17. The composer has

dedicated the work to Marie

Wilson and the London Philhar-

monic Orchestra. Miss Wilson,

Sponsored opera

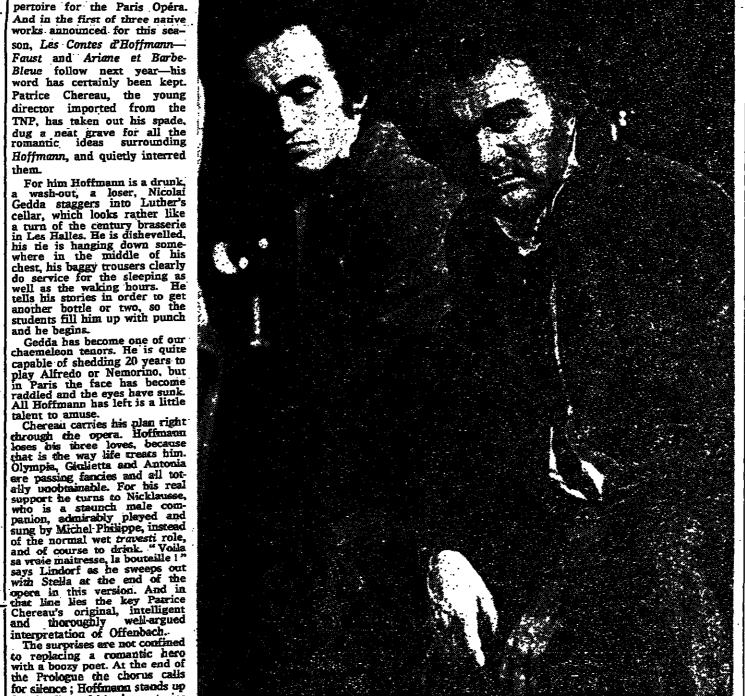
Donations from Imperial Tobacco Limited and National Westminster the Westminster Bank have made possible a new pro-duction of Verdi's Un ballo in Maschera at Covent Garden in January. It will be conducted by Claudio Abbado, with Katia Ricciarelli as Amelia and Placido Domingo as Gustavus III. The first night will be on January 30.

The right bank The concert by Earl Hines, which Miles Kington mentioned on this page on Tuesday, will take place at the Central Westminster, on Novem ber 27, not on the South Bank. I in the profession.

who will celebrate her 71st birthday on November 30, is a member of the orchestra and one of the best-known violinists

work

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from vesterday's later editions.



End of a storyteller: Nicolai Gedda and Michel Philippe

But Chereau promised nothing in the programme synopsis: Musically the Giuierta act is Une ville. Au fond, une eau practicable aux bateaux". The succeeding acts were simply labelled "Une ville, la même". In common with the fashion the weakest of the three and and everyone eise. wanted to get it out of the way at one or two other French theatres at the moment Chereau is had left the cast to be replaced intent on stripping away associations, refusing to be tied down by time or place. by Suzanne Sarroca. Mme Sar-occa looks well on stage, but her voice lacks the warmin and rich-Richard Peduzzi has produced a ravishing single set for the nes for the part. To be sure, M. Peduzzi was not offering her a "belle muit" in support but in-

three acts. On the right is a substantial house with a brilliant white portico, a suitable home stead a misty moon and an early dawn. Even so the act was for Spalenzani or Crespel; on allowed to rest heavily on Gedthe left are sombre grey wareda's shoulders. houses from whose windows the workers peer out at the quality, showing off their mechanical

dolls or simply picking up a sung precisely and fluently off-waterfront tart for the night. Stage by Eliane Manchet, despite Hoffmann aspires to the big a slight amount of distortion house, but he never makes it. by what I take to be an ampli-The singers are at intervals sil-fier. On stage a very elegant to play a melodramatic mes-bouetted against the creamy mechanical doll, whose dress backcloth — one of Strehler's could have come from a Rue a ninmed black horse to below backcloth — one of Strehler's could have come from a Rue a plumed black horse to help favourite tricks — emphasizing de Rivoll window, went through him—who could have come the cool, objective mood of the her motions impeccably and cracked into pieces at the end before the eyes of Hoffmann

perhaps that is why Chereau Christiane Eda-Pierre is as fine an Antonia as I have seen or first. By the third performance heard. "Elle a fui, la tour-earlier this week Regine Crespin terelle" had a lightness and delicacy all too many sopranos miss. She and Gedda make a remarkable combination, and I hope the Paris Opera will capitalize on it in future.

Patrice Chereau has solved adroitly the problem of Hoff-mann and his ladies, but he has not come up with a solution for Coppelius/ Dapertutto/ Miracle. He keeps the same baritone, evening. But from there on matters Tom Krause, for all three parts improved mightily. Olympia was dressed in the same clothes:

straight from a Cocteau film. The conception fits uneasily with the cool of the rest of the production and Tom Krause, understandably, looked ill at ease and had quite a lot of trouble with his French.

George Prêtre conducted with a good deal of panache, too much at times. With Gedda. Eda-Pierre and the Opéra's splendid chorus all in top voice little brilliance or sparkle, but they should have been allowed a great deal of beautifully they should have been allowed more chance to relax in this Hoffmann, which is less Earbier's opéra fantastique than Chereau's portrait of the poet as a drunken loser. A fascinating

John Higgins

England is remarkable for the variety of did the preliminary work on published in August suggests scenery it offers, within a small space, and the advanced passenger that special arrangements arrangements of the rain, which employs a tilt will be made for art treasures.

motorway and the coal measures of the Erewash and Rother valleys. It is an area of slagheaps and splendid historic buildings in varying which has recommended the state of preservation. Travel-ling northwest from Derby between Alfreton and Mans-your come to Ashbourne, field, on either side of exit which lies at the foot of the 28 on the MI.

In the direction of Buxton poses to north-east Derbythe road climbs on to a shire, which contains the plateau ribbed by dry, limetowns of Chesterfield, Bolstone walls which have an sover, Staveley and Dronextraordinary luminosity in field. Sefore, they was sandwicked between two dull weather. To the west sandwiched Dovedale forms the boun intermediate dary with Staffordshire. losing potentials the model described and the control of Mat-

lock the road descends into Although Derbyshire cona magnificent valley towards tains some of the wildest Wirksworth and then passes country in England it is through a gorge in which known primarily as an indusMatlock Bath nestles like a trial county. This reputation continental watering place.

The north of the county is teenth century when Richard bounded on the east by the gritstone edges, low cliffs mill driven by water at which form the parapet to towering valley walls and are much used by climbers. To the west, Hope Valley and Edale are the prelude to the climax of the Derbyshire nexion with them is an landscape, the heights of nounced as you leave for the Kinder Scout and Bleaklow. The county when Richard This house contains one of the greatest collections of the parapet to country, including superb examples by Rembrandt, Raphael, Rubens and Van Dyck, and a magnificent library. It is hardly surprising, the National Farmers' Union, put it, "to avoid being tied to the cow's tail 14 times a tax on the ownership of the county, including superb examples by Rembrandt, Raphael, Rubens and Van Dyck, and a magnificent library. It is hardly surprising, the row of the National Farmers' Union, put it, "to avoid being tied to the cow's tail 14 times a tax on the ownership of wealth has caused concern Like their colleagues in This is a virtual wilderness, the great castiron arches of a haven for those who want the train shed were made to get away from it all, yet, by the Butterley Company, paradoxically, within 20 Derbyshire, in 1867. Derby er of the Devonshire Collections, said that apart from Midland Railway, which built the financial implications the strength of the same training to the same training training

The administrative head-quarters of Derbyshire are at Matlock. The county council moved there from Derby in 1958 to be in the geographcal centre of its territory. Mr Harry Crossley, formerly clerk and now chief execu-tive of the council, said a town like Glossop in the High Peak district, ten-ded to think of Derby as for-

scenery it offers within a small space, and it would be hard to find a better illustration of this quality than Derbyshire.

Included in its 1,000 sq shire County Council, which miles is the southern end of the Pennines so that, traveiling north, you pass from the gently rolling countryside of the Pennines of the Vale of Trent to the away autonomous Borough, and inspiring moorland of the middle of England, as far from Southampton as from the Cheviots, from Mersey in the Cheviots, from Mersey is side as from the Wash, it needs only a coastline to passed with 29 before.

One of the new council's main concerns is to attract industry to the eastern part of the county. This was once and Leicestershire.

The east contains the M1 mostorway and the coal measures of the Erewash and motorway and the coal measures of the Erewash and contained the proposal p work on the advanced passed senger train has now passed to the Chief Mechanical and Electrical Engineer. He also designed the high-speed train, which can reach 200 kph (125 mph) and should be operating between Paddington and Bristol by the end of 1975.

A few miles from Chatsh Western ansion over the border in Stristol by the end of 1975.

Other projects for which he is responsible include the PEP experimental commuter train, which Southern Region introduced last year, and the rolling stock for the Channel tunnel.

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The Curzons have lived at Kedleston, a few miles northeast of the built, above all those of the Cavendish, Manners and Cavendish, Manners and Courson families.

Bess of Hardwick married Sir William Cavendish in 1547 and built Hardwick Hall, Before, they were ched between two on the eastern edge of the 70s. Her youngest son, Wil-liam, rebuilt Bolsover Castle, Foreign Secretary. county, when she was in her losing potential investors to a few miles to the north, and was created first Duke of known for these great estates, Devoushire in 1694, erected the average size of farms in her great-great grandson, who worth.

St Pancras and ran trains to application of such a tax to Manchester, Bristol, Carlisle and Edinburgh as well as to would produce "practically insurmountable problems" if Today British Rail em the owner was to be responded to think of Derby as foreign country.

The reorganization of local
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Simon Scott Plummer

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still greatly needed

Two-page Special Report

by Ronald Kershaw Northern Industrial

Since the collapse of Rolls. the South Normanton area, Royce, Derby's most famous and the county is preparing company, in 1971, nobody has been more aware of the danger of condensation of the danger of condensations.

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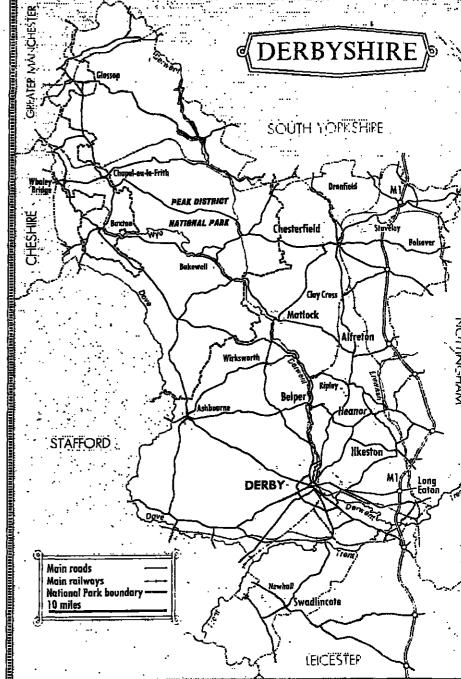
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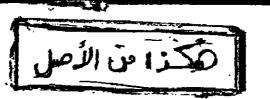
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The country setting of Chatsworth, home of the Dukes of Devonshire, which lies within the national park.

trict more than 100 years ago and there are now 48 by ICI to extend a quarry water supply reservoirs and three to feed canals.

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towns brings pressures for As well as being ringed Stevens report on the con-Since 1970, for example, new housing in the park by areas of deuse popular troi of mineral working, and it has opened two trails for the board opposes commutation the Peak District is an the Verney report on the walkers, cyclists and pony of evelopment and is distinguished by its existence in materials for industry, hopes that a uniform policy way tracks. The Tissington Froggatt, Curbar, Grindle-About six million tons of on the extraction of min-Trail runs for 13 miles beford and Hathersage, all villages within easy reach of Sheffield.

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Troubles on and off the cricket pitch

that the word implies in terms of efficiency and financial soundness.

behaviour and outlook have bership list of only a few ing to be changed. There is more than 3,000, far smaller ties in more than one byshire's population and sphere. The recent dismal area. Tied in with this prob-

by Richard Streeton Derbyshire finishing last, or round, with full-scale cater-last but one, in five of the ing and bar facilities the Like every other county last six championship sea most important asset.

faced.

mination.

It will, of course, take time. On paper, Derbyshire, with financial soundness.

It is inevitably a painful already bankrupt. Other time in the club's history, problems include a regular with entrenched patterns of working deficit and a memevery likelihood of casual-than it should be for Derplaying record, too, with lem is the fact that Der-byshire do not own any of

> surprising the quota customary on Eaton, for the first time, these occasions of grun. This winter every nos bling letters about the club's administration. There

So they have always been

member has resigned in

County cricket clubs keep the committee has not arrangement whereby the themselves viable in a varishirked recommending that county cricket club and ety of ways and few of subscriptions be raised. A Derbyshire County Council them have anything to do special general meeting is share the services and with gate money. Basically, being called later this expense of a coaching in has been found essential month, when no doubt both organizer for the nine to fifther that the properties are also arranged to the committee of the committee hat pavilion facilities grievances and should be used all the year will be aired. facilities grievances and future hopes teen age group will con-

byshire's record must surely improve soon. With six Test cricket club, Derbyshire are in the throes of adjusting to the demands of current cricket economics. The struggle has not been made any easier because Derbyshire, compared with most other counties, have been slow to appreciate the need for change; to recognize that a county club in the 1970s is a business, with all that the world impact of the six Test match players in the ranks, recently approached Chestecently approached Chestecentl ners, dances, meetings and round the world can vie other recreational activities with Ward and Hendrick as other recreational activities
52 weeks a year. In the long
term, the chances of creating something similar at
Derby have not been ruled
out entirely. Chesterfield,
however, has higher attendance figures. Sooner or
later, one feels, the question of transferring Derbyshire's
headquarters from Derby to
Chesterfield will have to be
faced.
with Ward and Hendrick as an opening attack, either.
The individual talents are clearly there but they have rarely been harnessed properly together. Certainly together. Certainly together the first highly competent professional player in recent years to find that the paths of caphic the last. Cricket leadership

the last. Cricket leadership oysnire do not own any of the grounds they play on. Meanwhile, there is every at county level over the So they have always been intention to continue to years has always had little restricted in the facilities take first team matches to do with personal skills, they can offer members, or round the county. Enthu- and has called for character odeed any spectators. siasm remains high at Bur- all of its own and of the One way and another, and ton-on-Trent. Buxton and type given to few. remembering the poor play- likeston and next summer Next summer Derbyshire's

performances, it is first eleven games will also full-time playing staff will that be staged at Darley Dale be reduced from 21 to 15. recent months have brought and Trent College, Long The county will not take part in the second eleven This winter every possible championship, and Nottingmeans of diverting money hamshire and Leicestershire and following to Derbyshire have promised to find some tion to have the captain deposed, and at least one member has a residual deposed. be the keynote in the players in search of match present circumstances and play. Sensibly, however, the

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lines of coolies" as one officer

drily observed. So the Army be-

gan to blow double creaters in

the roads with barriers in be-

tween. So the "coolies" moved

in, not only with shovels but

with bulldozers too, to fill in

the craters and remove the

Now the Army blows triple

holes in the roads and places

static water tanks in between.

Soldiers drive railway lines

through the bottoms of the tanks to rivet them into the

roads, and fill them with con-

crete. But the locals still come.

They bring shovels, bulldozers,

picks and oxyacetylene burners.

They burn through the tanks,

hack away at the concrete and

shovel away the rubble with the

buildozers. Where there is a will, there is a way. And while that will may be diminished

among 98 per cent of the pro-vince's more recalcitrant popu-lation, it still lives on in the 2 per cent. All of which goes part of the way towards explain-ing the awful mood of fatalism which hangs like a raincloud

Not that the Provisional IRA, which despite Protestant and

Official IRA activity, constitutes

the principal overt threat to peace in the province, needs

worry overmuch about 49 closed

roads. Even on the approved border crossings, on some of

over Northern Ireland.

The will to blow the lid off Ulster still remains strong

which the Army now mounts a 24-hour vehicle check point (VCP), the lorryloads of stink-The latest break-out from the Maze Prison, resulting in the death of an escapee and the ing offal, en route from the murder of three more soldiers South to animal food factories in the North, or the trucks packed with skins for tanning, impinges on the security situation in all Northern Ireprovide sufficient blanker for the illicit transit of arms and land. Ulster is slightly calmer than it was six months ago, when it was slightly explosives. Even when the Army has made provision to search these, too (as it is now preparing to do) there is little calmer than it was six months before that. But the province resembles a saucepan which is doubt that the guns will get not boiling over because some-The Provisionals are short of one is holding down the lid. Incidents like that at the Maze turn the gas up a little higher, and the Army and police have to hold on to the lid that much

the experienced, mature leaders who not so long ago operated with relative freedom in the with relative freedom in the urban centres in Ulster. In Belfast the skeletal paramilitary structure of a brigade headquarters, with three city battalions, still exists. But it more firmly. The capacity to cause an eruption is still all too exists more as a logistics opera-When the Army first tried blocking some of the un-

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operations are carried out largely through a structure of Active Service Units (ASUs) scattered throughout the city, each unit a small tightly knit cell linked to the central structure by a tenuous chain of command—a measure which has been introduced because of weaknesses in the Pro-visionals' own security. Perhaps

as a result of the security forces' concentration upon Belfast only about half the terrorist incidents in Northern Ireland now occur in the city, com-pared with 80 per cent not so long ago.
The general level of violence

Belfast brigade commanders have been arrested during the past 12 months, one of them only 20 minutes after his promotion to the post. The actual months are continued to the post of the p 40 per cent so far this year when compared with 1973. The number of explosions is down by 30 per cent, and the overall number of deaths stands at more than 150, as opposed to 210. Finds by the security forces so far this year include 1,054 weapons, 128,000 rounds of ammunition and 21,300lb of explosives—apart from the 21,000 lb which have been defused by

the Army.
Only on the border itself has the violence shown signs of increasing in tempo. There it now constitutes about 25 per cent of the incidents in Northern Ireland, as opposed to only 5 per cent last year. This is partly because of the number of Pro-

ghan salient, that limb of the Irish Republic which sticks like a sore thumb into the underbelly of Ulster, are being led by a number of men who escaped in the breakout from Portlaoish prison in August. Some of the attacks in the border areas during the past month or two have borne signs of their experience and professionalism. But while cooperation between the Ulster police and the unarmed Garda is steadily Libroving, coopera-tion between the British and

Irish armies is only sporadic.

There is also scope for more cooperation from the South in the control of explosives. While

gone down in Ulster, the size of the bombs themselves has shown a marked increase this year. The number of explosions up until ten days ago stands at only 600 in 1974, compared with 978 for the same period last year, a fall of a third. But the amount of explosives used was between 43,000 and 44,000 lb—not far short of the 47,000 lb used in 1973. In fact about half the 600 so far this year were neutralized in time, but the explosion which killed two soldiers at Ballykinler last week took place without warning and being seen as a new kind of bombing campaign, directed principally at the security

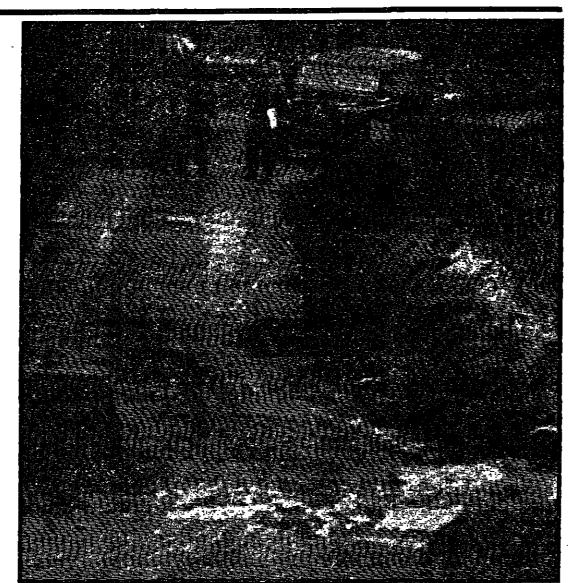
forces.

The main source of explosives is suill the South, and the Army is pressing for much tougher action there to prevent the theft of commercial explosive like frangex—which is used to ignite the primary explosive in most of the bombs in the North—and also to prevent the disappearance of detonators.
The Army would like to see close supervision of quarry blasting operations by the police, as is the practice now in the North.

But there is also a strong case for banning in Britain and Ireland the use of fertilizers which contain ammonium nitrate—the base of the majority of IRA bombs in both countries. Germany has done so already. Alternatively it should be possible to add a chemical which would at least make it impossible for IRA bomb "factories" to extract the ammo-nium nitrate from the fertilizer, for use in the Ammfo explosive

Where there is a will, there remains a way. Few soldiers or policemen in Ulster believe that such measures would prevent the Provisionals from carrying out terrorist attacks. But they could make it still more difficult for them to do so—and this is what half the security operations in Ulster are all about. The army and the police will not make it impossible for the terrorists of either side to operate, however hard they try. That will only happen when the terrorists, for one reason or another, lose the will. The police insist that 98 per cent of the population in the hard areas of Ulster would now like to see them begin regular patrols there. But it would have to be 100 per cent before the police, who are brave enough, could do so with impunity. Northern Ireland has still a long struggle towards normality. Few people in the province now would in the province now would disagree with that.

> Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent



Mediterranean

Mr Karamanlis, left, and Mr Ecevit: A new reconciliation?

A year is a

long time in the eastern

One immediate reaction in Greece to the Cyprus disaster has been an extraordinarily bitter almost universal execration of Americans. Nine thinking Greeks out of 10 are convinced that the CIA encouraged the colonels to risk the coup against Archbishop Makarios which gave Turkey the pretext to invade. There followed in Greece a passionate desire to be free of all foreign meddling and the outraged withdrawal from the military organization of Nato at a moment when Greece patently needs full United States sympathy and support in her several disputes.

with Turkey. Greek leaders stress that Greece has not left the alliance. They readily admit that the bilateral agreements with the United States—for instance, the home porting agreement for six United States destroyers; stor-age of nuclear weapons to guard the northern frontier; sea and air facilities in Crete; and maintenance of a radar screen—are much in the strategic interests of Greece and that their abandonment would also be a severe economic blow. They argue that it took France a vear to leave the military organization of Nato and two years or more to negotiate further working arrangements. In the early warning system and certain exercises, for instance, France has continued to cooperate throughout. For the present, therefore, the Greek Govern-ment will leave matters much as they were, while tempers cool.

Anti-Americanization together with the desire of Greece to be accepted as internationally respectable once more, has strongly ncreased the determination of Greeks to win full membership in a European union at the earliest possible moment.

Meanwhile Cyprus remains the most urgent problem. In face of the sufferings of Cyprus. are Greeks feel much responsibility The and genuine distress. As one young political agent said to me: "If there is a package deal with Turkey, I would rather make concessions over oil for the Aegean than agree to a forced transfer of Greek Cypriots from their homes." This could be a youthfully generous attitude, but many Greeks would agree with it, though many others now wish that

Cyprus could just be forg The Government have withdrawn about one-thi the 690 Greek officers s with the Cyprus National (and will before long ha placed all those who we Cyprus at the time of the upon Archbishop Mai They acknowledge that the bishop has still the suppor large majority of Cypriots. If he decides turn to Cyprus, they we nething to stand in he though they would like sure that, if he goes, he responsibility himself not merely bedevil an settlement which the Cypriots accept will be

Behind all this the diplomats of Greece and ? know how greatly the interests of both wou served by a settlement of outsanding differences on for all. For the present crisis has made a solution harder than before, bu Karamanlis and Mr Ecev Turkey, as national leader strong popular support yet join in a new meet reconciliation such as the interests of both conso well after the Lat Treaty of 1923.

Mr Karamanlis, unlik colonels, is certainly rea discuss the oil dispute-question which the Turk wish to raise, possibly, (stance, ways of developin reassuring the Turkish munity (120,000) in Thr the final demilitarizati islands in the Aegean so which were garrisone Greece during the Another bone of contenti in 1923 for settlement the Greek community in has over the years solved itself since most Greeks, uncertain of future, have departed. some 12,000 to 15,000 n which gives a real char

"the Great Idea" of re-Istanbul. At present, however, fear that the Turk'sh being the real nower in T is in a mond to seek soni nence. It is, therefore, to to speak of a new peri reconsilization—but in a v

so much could change.

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Why US is happy to be forced into détente with Cuba

If Latin American governments thus can hardly oppose the to lift the sanctions will just be once had the image of being washington's faithful lapdogs in favour, and, say diplomatic more become persona grata with sources, so are the Dominican the governments of Latin they are doing their best to dispel it. Today member trade and diplomatic sanctions against Cuba, a move which the United States is still reluctant

The latest count suggests that Costa Rica, Colombia and Venezuela, the sponsors of the motion are likely to be successful, Argentina, Mexico, Peru and Panama have already resumed relations with Cuba and

Republic and Paraguay.

So far only two countries have Brazil and the Central American republics remain undecided. The Caribbean countries are expected to abstain—they all have relations with Cuba and were not members of the OAS when Cuba was expelled and sanctions imposed in 1964.

So, unless there are any last minute changes, it looks as if the two-thirds majority needed

countries of the Organization of American States are meeting in Quito to discuss the lifting of Countries of the Organization of American States are meeting in the Move and they, as might be will want to stay out in the Countries of the Move and their oppositions will want to stay out in the Countries of the Organization of Mexican tour. He declared that the United States is still unwilling to enter into a dialogue with Cuba.

But if sanctions against Cuba are lifted by vote of the OAS, American opposition may begin to crumble. Relations between the United States and Latin America have not been helped

by the disclosures of involve-

tinued opposition to Cuba in the face of an OAS decision would only disrupt relations still

In fact, a favourable decision in Quito may well give Presi- United States trade with Cuba dent Ford an excuse to renew relations with Cuba, something current high prices for sugar, he lacks at present. For at the Cuba's principal foreign exmoment there is little reason for the United States to concern itself with its Communist neighin the early sixties there has

bour. Since the missile crisis been no likelihood of a Soviet missile base being installed there. Nor is there any evidence that Cuba's revolution is exportable, another of the original reasons for isolating Caba. A

I usually get a good story when I travel to Cheltenham. My

I travel to Cheltenham. My last visit was 18 months ago

wben I wrote an item about

which I wrote an Item about Cheltenham Ladies' College which aroused great interest and some anger among the pupils. On Wednesday night I went there to hear a discussion of the characterists.

sion—part of the annual Liter-ary Festival and quite relevant to my previous visit—about

whether reporters can tell the truth or whether novelists can

tell it better.

The question of how much

real truth is contained in the news columns of newspapers is one which concerns me. Two

of the speakers explained some of the obstacles in the way of

people who are themselves wit-

nesses of a newsworthy event

often do not recognize the re-ports of it which appear in the

Michael Frayn, wearing

green corduroy suit, said that one barrier to truth was the existence of conventions in

which a reporter was expected to work. This led to the appear-

ance of identical catch-phrases

in reports of events. Thus fire-men would be generally de-scribed as "wearing breathing apparatus" and we would usu-ally have "policemen with tracker dogs" scouring the area in search of somebody.

(Brian Redhead, who chaired the discussion, contributed his

own favourite such catch-phrase: "Women, some with shopping bags. ...")

Auberon Waugh, in a dark pin-striped three-piece, des-cribed two main barriers to truth. One was the libel law

thum. One was the libel law (though he gave the interesting statistic that of the half dozen libel cases he had been involved in, all the plaintiffs were journalists). The other was the reliance of specialist journalists on official sources for information. This led to cases like the

tion. This led to cases like the Biafran war, where the official information disseminated by the Commonwealth Office in London was often at variance with

the dispatches of reporters on

the spot.
Then Frayn came back with

needle. Another obstacle to truth, he said, was the "cur-rent fashion for mindless innu-endo". As instances, he weighed

into Waugh for describing a

evening's first hint of

truthful reporting, and

tion by Cuban guerrillas in the Latin American mainland met with no success and was abandoned in the late sixties.

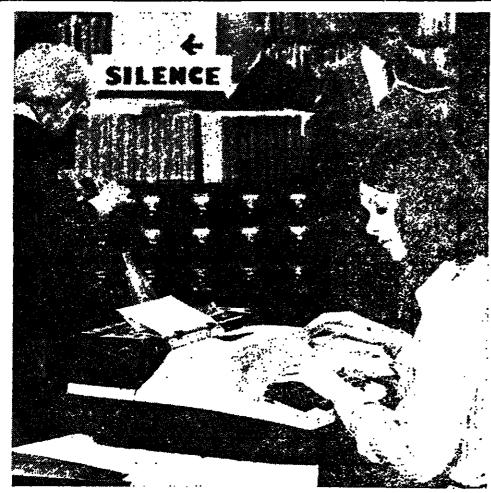
Moreover, the possibilities for are fairly limited. Despite the change carner, there is not much sign of a boom in Cuban economy, as the Soviet Union knows to its cost. To get United States Cuba trade going again, the United States would be obliged to make loans available to Cuba. This would be subject to approval by a Congress still remarkably opposed to Cuba.

tives rejected by 22 to 4 a resolution that would have lifted legal restrictions against United States trade with Cuba.

The key wote in October by the Foreign Relations Commit-tee of the House of Representa-

And what of the Cuban Government? For once they are sounding conciliatory. The Cuban Prime Minister, Fidel Castro, has stated on several occasions in the past few weeks that he is willing to negotiate with the United States once the economic blockade is lifted. Whether he will get the chance depends in part on today's crucial OAS vote.

Jo Beresford



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The Times **Diary**

Why I am not telling you the whole truth

Today's politically motivated sign was photographed in Nakuru Station, Kenya, by Glynis Fell, of Cambridge. Some of the carlier signs in the series were published in a booklet vesterday by Hamish Hamilton. It is called Signs of the Times and costs 65p.

judge who had made a ruling he disagreed with as "a pip-squeak" and for implying that the Sunday Times's investiga-tions into the thalidomide tra-gedy had been motivated by the editor's desire for honours. Waugh, apparently taken aback, was forced to qualify both judgments, though only parti-

The remaining panellist was Philip Toynbee, who stripped off his jacket and grey sweater during the evening to reveal a green towelling sweat-shirt. He sided with Frayn against Waugh on the pipsqueak issue, then vigorously attacked poor Red-head.

Redhead had been talking about Shostakovich and Beethoven and about how the purpose of art was to push forward human experience. The shirt-sleeved Toynbee blurted: "That's typical romantic crap" and went on to say how crafts-manship was the essential ele-ment in writing both novels and journalism. Redhead, who is an experienced chairman of BBC

discussion programmes and who aged ladies who wait in most thus has great verbal facility, slid from under that with little

One distortion which none of about in humble as well as the speakers mentioned was the grand restaurants. I felt as the speakers mentioned was the undue weight given by newspapers to the elements of conflict in the events they report. You might gather from this very report of Wednesday night's meeting that much of the time was taken up by the speakers being rude to each other, but this was not so. I have simply selected the two incidents of conflict for my report because I believe that this is what interests you. The discussion in general was conducted with good humour.

Newspapers vie with each other to see which can use the words most redolent of conflict.
Thus in yesterday's report of
Britain's retaliation against
Ugandan provocation, we had: Ugandan provocation, we had:

"Jim trades punches with
Amin" (Daily Express); "Britain slapped back at Uganda's
President . . (Daily Mirror);

"Britain got tough with
Uganda's President . . " (The
Sum); "A bitter tit-for-tat row
. . . President Idi Amin so infuriated the Foreign Office . . ."
(Daily Mail).

None is an exect or over-

None is an exact or even a very helpful description of what happened, but it is how the newspapers believe their readers like the news presented. Auberon Waugh best summed up the dilemma which is always facing reporters and newspaper executives: "The truth is mostly extremely boring."

Lunchtime

Mirabel Cecil sums up her Christmas shopping season test of lunches at London depart-ment stores:

A shopper's lunch can be assessed most accurately by the effect it has on your buying. If you whizz out of the restaurant and feel inclined to buy up the whole store, it has worked; if you reel out, dazed by the enormity of the bill or the frightfulness of the food, it has not. The food is not the only ingredient of this feeling of well-

stores at lunch-time score over svelte waiters.

much like buying all Woolworth's Christmas decorations as I wanted to splurge on scent in Harrods after lunch there. The best lunch I had was in Biba, which was fun as well as reasonably good value. The most disappointing was Fortnum and Mason, until now a favourite place of mine. After Biba, Harrods and Woolworth's in

Oxford Street, were, in their different ways, excellent—Woolworth's because it was cheerful and good value, Harrods because of its style. My lament is for the cheese board: nowhere did I find a good one, though cheese is one of the best value foods. And in

these stringent times, where are the nourishing soups so easily made in big kitchens? In all shops it is best to go to lunch after one o'clock, as the queues then diminish. I wish all restaurants where there is

likely to be a queue would adopt Formum's habit of taking your name and letting you sit down and have a drink while you wait

Pickled

Pickle Power arrived in London yesterday in the well-preserved form of Bill "The Dill" Moore, executive vice-president of Pickle Packers International Inc (St Charles, Illinois). With him come an assortment of plastic inflatable pickle men, pickle puzzles, pickle squeakers and pickle soap.

When it comes to pickles not be in the pickle in the pickle soap.

body knows his onions quite like Moore, which explains why he feels confident about his three-day mission to persuade the British with the help of his simulated aids, to "think pickler" pickles".

Moore—the dill is a yellow-

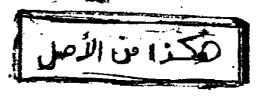
flowered herb used in pickling more in the United States than here—is organizing the third annual European division con-ference of Pickle Packers Inter-national. With as much relish being, conductive to extravagance. A weary stopper likes to
feel cossetted, to relax, to be
jollied along by the staff. And
that is where the cosy, middle-



mutual pursuit of answe the pressing problems of picking, processing and ng, in the appropriate setti the Royal Garden Hotel. The discussions when

reporter eavesdropped ser rather low key. There wa Anglo-American disagree about whether pickles are impulse buy or not, followe a short analysis of pyschology of pickle buying a digression into the meril displaying bottles of pickle their bottoms or on their s "People keep coming up saying: 'Are you serious this a take-on', said Mc
"I say I have given my lift pickles and though I think mustn't take ourselves too:

In the Municipal and Pu : New Town is advertising an area manager to heat team comprising "a dist officer, a rent officer, liat tenants and welcoming ladic What is going on in Skelm



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REETINGS FROM PEKING

greetings exchanged on nal days between China and Soviet Union are naturally ect to interested scrutiny iny signs of change. Even number and weight of the tives will offer clues. ever formal the message, will be touches that may terpreted as marking either line or an improvement in ions. Yesterday's message Peking on the occasion of Soviet anniversary has cted attention because it further even than any ric signalling. It takes up a psal for a non-aggression that has before now been issed by the Chinese as no than Soviet hypocrisy. But is overlooked. Justification and for the proposal among national reached een Mr Kosygin and Mr En-lai when they met at neight of the tension in 1969. le textual evidence neverss needs to be looked at caution since nothing in the le relations between the countries in the past few ths lends support to any mism about an improvement. incident when a Soviet copter crossed the Chinese tier last March while on a ion of succour has certainly

aroused much anger in Moscow. Chinese charges that the helicopter was spying have drawn unhesitating denials from Moscow but with no result in Peking where the case is still

pending. The border talks resumed in the summer offer little hope either. In so far as judgment can base itself on the scanty evidence or the rival allegations it would seem that Chinese rather than Soviet intransigence has been the stumbling block, enough to convince some Russians that the Chinese are not seriously seeking an agreement. In this case it should be noted that the latest Chinese proposal includes, along with the non-aggression pact, mention of the separation of forces in the border areas, a demand that has from the beginning been rejected on the Soviet side for fear that it would pre-judge the territorial issue.

Nor did Mr Gromyko seem to be expecting a Chinese olive branch in his speech on Wednesday on the eve of the anniversary when he accused the Chinese of subordinating their policies to their struggle with the Soviet Union. At which point the Chinese Ambassador walked out a common enough occurrence in

both capitals, but not one which promises on either side any hopes for improved state relations. While both sides earnestly repeat their hopes of such an improvement neither finds in the other's behaviour anything to give them hope.

Too much should not therefore be built on the different terms of the latest Chinese message. What can be said is that such an improvement in state relations as both sides say they want has been an issue for some years past among the Chinese leadership. Many-perhaps even the majority among the Chinese leadersbelieve that a less obdurate could effect an attitude immediate improvement without any sacrifice of Chinese interests or principles. Nor is it possible to point to any such interests or principles on which the argument. has stuck in the exchanges of the past five years. The obduracy points to personalities more than principles and chiefly to Chairman Mao. At a time when ill-health and old age afflict both Chairman Mao and Mr Chou En-lai the prospects of change in China may not be far distant. Until then no real change of heart looks likely.

EPENDENCE ON DOCTORS FROM ABROAD

a letter on this page the icil of the National Associaof Clinical Teachers point the heavy dependence of the pital service on doctors from ad, and warn that this endence is in some respects nful. It is a case that is icult to make without sching on the inflamed general e of immigration, and it must stressed that there are timate grounds for concern ch have nothing to do with judice. It is an entirely irable thing that doctors from er countries where medical ilities may be less developed ould come here to gain perience, and that some should e taken advantage of their hts as Commonwealth citizens stay and make their careers re. But there is reason to think at the role of immigrant doctors lay is not working sufficiently their advantage, or to that of patients, or indeed to that of countries which originally ned them and may get scant rn from their investment,

edicine is a skill so ersally in demand that almost y country loses a proportion its trained practitioners to atries where the rewards are ter and meets this loss by viving others from countries ring lower rewards (or less be for medicine of an llectually challenging kind). se trends are particularly ng in Britain. The gain and seem now to be more or less numerical balance, but the ilt has been a high, though rall fairly steady, proportion nmigrant doctors in hospitals.

Occasionally there are grounds for doubt about the standard of their training and their basic understanding of English, but these are not the central cause of concern, and next year the General Medical Council is to introduce examinations to test foreign graduates on both points. What is more disturbing is the tendency for certain specialties and certain parts of Britain to become identified as immigrants' ground

The letter from NACT makes this seem less striking than it is by referring only to senior staff. In fact, if an immigrant becomes a consultant it is safe to assume that he is pretty familiar with the British nuances. But among junior staff the figures, though more static, are much higher-50 per cent in psychiatry, 80 per cent in geriatrics and many of these staff will have gone into those fields largely because they are relatively easy to get into. They may have no strong com-mitment to their speciality, and may well have less than a full acquaintance with English dialects and euphemisms. Junior doctors, of course, have much more routine contact with patients than consultants. in the care of the old and the mentally disturbed a special commitment and an ability to communicate easily with the patient are especially important. The problem is not simply a

failure to train enough doctors of our own. It is true that there is no profession where there is such competition over entry, but there is no point in training doctors simply to emigrate. The number of graduates in our

medical schools is increasing, but the number of hospital house officers fell last year all the same. If the number of immigrant doctors in Britain showed clear signs of falling there would be an urgent need for a major expansion in training. But this does not seem to be happening. There is an urgent need to make a hospital career attractive enough to encourage native-born as well as foreign doctors to undertake it.

There is an undue disparity of esteem between disciplines and hospitals. As in industry, jobs that are unpopular tend to go to immigrants (a process hard to reverse once it has occurred). Part of the trouble lies in preconceptions instilled in training, where the emphasis is on general medicine and surgery, on ambi-tion and intellectual challenge. The merit award system and the opportunities for private practice happen to reinforce the attractions of the same popular specialties. Less glamorous wards and hospitals tend to be starved of funds and become even grimmer to work in. The career structure, where only a minority can aspire to the security of consultant status. encourages the ambitious to emigrate if their hopes of the right kind of consultancy seem remote, and almost requires the services at a low level of people who do not expect to continue in British medicine all their lives. Many of these problems are woven deeply into the customs of the profession, and to restore the balance extra training places are needed less than a new approach.

R VORSTER'S BREEZE OF CHANGE

Vorster has asked political mentators "to give South ica a chance". If the greatest raint is used at a "delicate e, he said yesterday, in six to salve months the commentators be surprised where South uding the foreign as well as 'il press is not clear, but he hardly expect his words to greeted in respectful silence, ecially when his ministers are ly elaborating on them. There keen interest in how South ica intends to adjust in its nestic racial policy as well as relations with its client and fer states now that Portugal handing over Angola and zambique to militant black

> he indications are that South is at last seeking ciliation internally and ernally, and that the ministers trying to convert the krampte diehards in their ty to the need for change, eed for some fast backtracking earlier policies. The twelve nths mentioned is perhaps Mr ester's estimate of the time th Africa has got before ssure inside and outside

ionalists.

omes acute. ie was able to parade Mozamue's assurances on conued cooperation and its iertaking not to harbour rorists, and he asked for a ince to produce a settlement South West Africa. But zambique is in the early ges, and it now seems

with the nationalists of Swapo (South West Africa People's Organisation). Swapo and the United Nations are committed to a unitary country not to a federation of tribal bantustans with a German ranchland of the old kind in the middle running the

The main thrust of the plan

seems to be a crash programme of bantustan development, combined with an attempt to solidify white and coloured interests in white South Africa. It would certainly be convenient if other black leaders besides Chief Matanzima of Transkei could stand up and tell the United Nations that black men in South Africa will make decisions about such matters as membership of the United Nations, not black men in New-York. To achieve this Mr Vorster will need to meet the minimum bantustan demands for the land and facilities which will make these states into viable. and contiguous administrative areas. But to make this long overdue concession will cost a fortune, take time, and infuriate the white landowners. Even Transkei's capital, Umtata, has not yet been handed over, or its

Mr Vorster declared that there would be black majority rule in "Transkei, Kwazulu, Boputha, Tswana, Lebua, Ciscei, Gazankulu and the others", and white rule in the white area. Already it is being suggested by ministers that the barriers between brown and possible to make progress in white in that rich and privileged nibia without negotiations area be removed, though how far attempt.

this includes any return even to the old relatively liberal Cape franchise is doubtful. Evidently Mr Vorster sees that there are too few white men to hold the best bit of South Africa, in which half the black population still lives. At long last he sees the Coloureds as allies. It remains to be seen if the twenty-year folly of estranging the Coloureds can be expunged in a year or so. Their earlier treatment over their community council elections was

insanely inept, quite apart from

a long history of racial slights. His biggest difficulty will be carrying the verkrampte politicians, the white trade unions and the platteland farmers along. Afrikaner students are ready for change, and so are many liberal Afrikaners who helped put so many Progressives into Parliament at the last election. But the mass of Afrikaners are slow to move. They still feel that if Israel can hold off the outnumbering Arabs with their oil power, white South Africa can defy black Africa. They doubt the long-term stability of any African state on their borders. They incline to feel that if their own police state is efficient enough, and the army well enough equipped, they can hold the laager until the black states reveal their inherent weakness-or until the West needs South Africa in another conflict. They are Afrikanercentred, and do not understand world change. A year is not long to re-educate them, if that is what Mr Vorster proposes to

inservative leadership

m Mr Maurice Cowling I do not understand what all se great Conservatives are sound-off about. The Conservative ty was defeated not because of policies (except, marginally ut Europe) but because a large t of the electorate (including who voted Conservative) were elled by a party which had been noralized by conflict between its iers. Who can doubt that the

wished Mr Heath well seven years ago has been effectively destroyed by the battle which he and Mr Powell have fought publicly over its

carcass? The Conservative party contains lot of opinions, a fair number of principles and a good many possible leaders. It usually has done and it usually will. It also defends impor-

tant interests. What it needs now is not divisive "philosophy" or premature defini-tion (or even perhaps, in ideal circumstances, a new leader). What it

needs is to heal the rift, so that electors whose sympathies have been alienated can want to come back, and Conservatives can feel that the leadership is capable of bringing intelligence and ambiguity to the task of responding to the hopes and fears of all their

members. Yours faithfully, MAURICE COWLING, Peterhouse, Cambridge. November 2

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No right to break the law

From the President of The Law

Society
Sir, Your leader "No right to break
the law" concluded with the words
—"This is not, or should not be, a party dispute. It concerns respect and backing for the law, at a time when that indispensable cement of civil society is one of the com-modities of which there is a serious

I write to endorse those words. The Law Society studiously avoids involvement in party political matters though its members are involved in all political parties. We have no hesitation in speaking out on behalf of our branch of the legal profession in condemnation of any individual or corporation or government which seeks to put the Rule of Law aside, for whatever reason. This, regrettably, is an occasion when such a protest must be made by lawyers, in defence of the right of the citizens of this country to be governed and protected by the Rule of Law.

To relieve people who deliberately break the law from the consquences of their actions is to encourage future breaches by anybody who dislikes a particular law, in the hope or expectation that powerful friends will ensure his immunity from punishment. Yours faithfully

E. H. S. SINGLETON, President's Room, The Law Society's Hall, Chancery Lane, WC2.

Future of cane sugar

From Mr Nigel Spearing, Labour MP for Newham South Sir, The letter of Richard Mayne (November 5), head of the London office of the EEC Commission, will do nothing to reassure those who refine sugar for their living. Over three thousand do so in my constituency. As those familiar with the proposals will know the "Lar-dinois Plan" is at best short term,

and at worst may not work at all.
He implies that our problems are not the fault of the EEC. Whilst it is true that some of our cane sugar suppliers have recently sold elsewhere, he must also agree that the EEC have been most reluctant to do anything that might persuade them that there is a future for cane

Sugar in Europe.
On the contrary, with the long term aim of self sufficiency in beet sugar, the EEC have done everysugar, the EEC have done everything to suggest that cane sugar should be excluded. In May, 1971, the request of the United Kingdom for long-term entry of specific quantities was not agreed. Instead there was the famous aura a coeur, and even this has yet to be demonstrated in practice. On June 27, 1972, the then Opposition tried to write in conditions, including the 14m tons, into the Communities Bill, but was defeated by eight votes. Since then the "bank able assurances." have consistently bounced, even if the next presentabounced, even if the next presentation succeeds, success will be very late indeed.

Long-term arrangements for importing cane sugar at fair prices assists Third World producers, is fair for the consumers, and gives regular employment to refinery workers. Even if the EEC at last concede the point that cane and beet can and should co-exist the delays will not be to their credit.

Yours, etc, NIGEL SPEARING, House of Commons.

Art and investment From Mr George]. Levy and Mr

Godfrey Pilkington Sir, Mr Peter Wilson, Chairman of Sotheby's writes (November 7), "works of art still provide one of the few investment opportunities" However, it has always been our opinion and that of many of our

colleagues in the trade that works of art cannot properly be equated with stocks and shares, and thus the term investment as applied to works of art is in reality a fundamental misconception. Yours faithfully, GEORGE J. LEVY, President,

British Antique Dealers' Association

GODFREY PILKINGTON, Chairman, Society of London Art Dealers, As from 20 Rutland Gate, SW7.

Incentives for charity From Lord Longford

Sir, The current serious economic crisis threatens the living standards of many people. For some, however, this is no new crisis—it has been with them for most of their lives they are the homeless and deprived who have known little but poverty. As the Chancellor puts the finish ing touches to his Budget it is per-haps a moment to reflect upon the seriousness of the present situation for those worst affected by inflation the poor—and those charitable and statutory agencies who seek to assist them. Although I write as chairman of the New Horizon Youth Centre, the problems which we face are little different from those of other small charities which work amongst those in need.

As inflation, unemployment and homelessness begin to bite, we in a setting such as New Horizon experience even heavier work loads. while at the same time our own running costs are also increased by inflation. Many who give to work such as ours, understandably reduce their giving in times of economic difficulty. Yet it is at precisely such

were it not for the fact that our own staff have taken a salary cut, our work would have had to be curtailed. Many voluntary agencies are faced with cut-backs and closures. Yet, as we know all too well, the statutory services have no prospect

of moving in in their stead. As we face a winter of sacrifice and hardship, it is surely right to ask that statutory provision for the poor should be maintained at least at its present level, and that those who wish to give to charitable con-cerns should be given every possible incentive to do so. Yours sincerely,

LONGFORD. New Horizon Youth Centre.

Too many doctors from abroad

Sir, We, consultants in district general hospitals appointed by universities to be responsible for the organization of medical teaching in our areas, write this letter as we are deeply concerned over the dependence of hospital medical practice on doctors from abroad and, in particular, over the trends at con-sultant levels.

Already 13 per cent of all consultants in the National Health Service are trained outside this country and, more important, of all Senior Registrars, from whose ranks future consultants are appointed 29 per cent are now trained overseas. These figures are an average for all specialties. In some shortage specialties the numbers are higher—in geriatrics for instance 25 per cent consultants and 61 per cent of Senior Registrars did not graduate in Britain. In mental illness comparable figures are 17 per cent and 37 per cent. In these two very different fields, the care of the elderly and the welfare of mentally disturbed patients the importance of the doctor being of the same ethos as the patient is particularly clear. We believe that any country can usefully have a minority of its doctors from elsewhere but a substantial proportion would anywhere be undesirable.

Urgent action is required now if these trends in hospital medicine are to be reversed. To do this it is necessary to train more doctors in this country and ensure that a career in hospital medicine is attractive enough to stop the continuing net emigration and loss to other branches of medicine of British-trained doctors.

It is ludicrous to deny a medical career to our own gifted young men

From the Members of the Council and women, but this is happening as of the National Association of letters in your columns from head-clinical Tutors masters have indicated. If, despite expansion, the number of places in existing medical schools is still insufficient—and clearly it is—then new venturesome methods of train

ing doctors should be explored. A training in basic sciences is within the capability of the Open University if existing universities cannot cope with the numbers. Clinical training could be given at a very high standard in many of our district general hospitals with their highly active postgraduate medical education centres which have been one of the few encouraging features of hospital activity over recent years. Medical students who have spent periods of their training in these hospitals attest the excellence of the clinical resources and teaching there.

A working party composed of representatives of the bodies responsible for hospital staffing and medical education, fortified by lay representatives, should consider our suggestions so that the number of British-trained doctors will be adequate for our hospital service. Yours, etc,

H. M. Leather, Chairman, John A. Airken, J. S. Blair, Rowland J. Calvert, Peter A. Clark, I. J. T. Davies, P. C. Farrant, J. E. Grainger, J. L. James, Philip James, H. Ker, K. J. Kernohan, L. C. Lum, D. R. K. Medley, C. S. Pitcher, H. G. H. Richards, F. Robertson, R. E. Smith, Robert B. Wilson. Wilson. National Association of Clinical

Tutors, As from Plymouth General Hospital, Greenbank Terrace, Plymouth, Devon. October 25.

Private patients in NHS

From Mr E. W. Hameetman Sir, It seems that one of Britain's most paralysing diseases, "queue-itus", is claiming a new victim-hospital pay-beds.

It is in the name of this obsession

that people with moderate incomes, who value privacy when ill above bigger cars and colour television, will in future be prevented from exercising the decreasing freedom of choice left to them by the modern state. In this case the freedom to make sacrifices for the health and well-being of their families.

But the people who will not suffer from the dogmatic antics of the present Government will be the really wealthy. They will laugh (if circumstances permit) all the way to the luxurious climes over here and abroad—clinics which are out of reach for the moderate income man, even if he has joined an insurance scheme. Especially those who have reached retirement find it increasingly difficult to meet the ever increasing costs of those schemes and they are not always able to afford payments which would compensate them sufficiently for going into private hospitals or

eds were a good compromise reached by wiser men than are now at the helm. There are many people who, when ill, prefer wards to the isolation of a private room. Others (not for snob but psychological reasons) prefer to suffer in silence and their being forced into putting their books down and discussing their symptoms with others would be an

added torture. If the Government plans on payheds are put into effect nobody will gain, except perhaps on paper. But the loss (in goodwill from the still thinking part of the population) and, above all, in medical expertise, will be enormous. Yours faithfully,

E. W. HAMEETMAN, 7 Prae Close, St Albans, Hertfordshire. November 6.

From Dr Michael S. Rose Sir, It is good to know that "the hospital consultants", whoever they may be assumed to be, are so concerned with the fortunes of the dispossessed private patients. We are of course not dealing with the issue of private patients at all, except in so far as they are a means to our own wealth, social prestige and privilege.

Mrs Castle's political strategy must be based on some intention.

If it is to reveal the ideological bankruptcy of the medical profession, I am surprised that such dangerous steps are required to display such an obvious feature. None the less, before the representatives of the hospital consultants jump through Mrs Castle's hoop, although they are probably in mid-air already, we should enquire whether it is possible to achieve anything more than public contempt for their efforts in the current social climate.

Income has been a major pre-occupation for too long. I recollect my resentment as a houseman, when I was expected to mediate consultants' private incomes by my attendance upon their private patients, for which I got a pat on the head or a gratuity at best, never pro rata payment. I can under-stand the objections of technical and nursing staff to their exploitation in private medical enterprises. They went over the top and they were right. The hospital consultants are not

a monolithic body and this communication is intended as an expression of that. We cannot afford a polarization of the public health services where the only options are an oligarchy of hospital consultants, feathering their nests. or a National Health Co-operative run by chief shop stewards, as visualized by Alan Coren (*Punch*. July 10, 1974).

Whatever foundations there are for conflict between the hospital consultants and the government. public, and ancillary staff, we should perhaps agree that £5,500-£8,000—incidentally, the real full time NHS consultant salary scale—pays for the bread and milk, even if it doesn't buy Bedside Manor or get our children the private education we believe we deserve to afford. I do not believe that social and economic privilege are legitimate objectives for industrial action. The inherent values of our work are too important to be demeaned by such trivial preoccupation and in due course we will get what we are worth. No amount of huffing and puffing will make us worth more, and indeed will probably make us worth less Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL S. ROSE. Consultant Haematologist George's Hospital Medical School, Blackshaw Road, SW17. November 4.

Devolution to the regions

From Lord Raglan
Sir, Mr Tam Dalyell complains
(Letters, November 1) of "the
patronizing attitude of some of the English media towards things Scottish"; but he is only describing London looking down its nose at the provinces, as Paris does at the rest of France. This superiority of tone is and has for hundreds of years been directed towards every-where from Caithness to Cornwall and if it were a cause of separation by now every county would be demanding independence.

He goes on to say that "over 70 per cent of the Scots who bothered to vote rejected separation", yet that is not in fact true; electors were only given a choice of different degrees of separation. Scotland has retained a separating border and a separate law, and has acquired a separate Secretary of State who has a separate department. It seems probable from Mr Dalyell's sensitivity to what he sees as "English" criticism that he feels separate too.

From experience at Westminster it appears to me that because Scotland already has so many special arrangements for itself that other MPs do not take the interest in Scottish affairs that otherwise they would, and so the feeling of aliena tion gets compounded. If Scotland were to get a separate parliament (and it would not be as a regional devolutionary parliament but to mark Scotland's distinction as a nation) Westminster would find itself taking even less interest in Scotland, and as the machinery for separate government would then have been set up, it is a reasonable bet that in a few decades Scotland would go independent.

The British custom of creating Secretaries of State, Governors

General or special parliaments has encouraged nationalism because it has given Westminster's endorseand exclusiveness. Are Scotland's problems so unlike those of, say, North Eastern England that needs a Secretary of State? Yours faithfully, RAGLAN,

Cefutilla Court. Usk, Gwent November 3.

From Mr Stewart M. Ewing Sir, If the people of Scotland want to go their own way politically, why shouldn't they? After all, England for the English is an attractive

proposition. The SNP advocated independence for Scotland long before the oil was discovered. But oil is now a factor and the position seems to have come down to this. The oil fields are too valuable for any English Government to give away as part of a deal for Scottish independence. Given good will on both sides I do not think this is an unanswerable problem.

According to Time magazine the United Kingdom is now experiencing in the growth of Scottish nationalism a "revolution with manners". I think our English friends can rely on a mannerly approach by our Scottish political leaders continuing. The discovery of oil in English waters would be I think the ideal solution to this problem, but until such time an amicable approach to our mutual problems at the bighest level called for. Yours faithfully, STEWART EWING,

52 Queen's Drive, Glasgow.

October 31.

The clear purpose of Nato

From Mr Hugh Hanning

Sir, Ludovic Kennedy's article on November 5 on the defence of Northern Norway was extremely vivid, but it was disturbing to find him questioning whether Nato would automatically come to Norway's defence if she were attacked. This impugas not only the whole purpose of Nato, but also saps at the chief foundation of peace in the

In this century, two world wars started because the aggressor genuinely did not know whether he would meet with serious opposition. The Kaiser did not know whether Britain would fight for Belgium. Hitler could not believe that Britain would fight for Poland. The whole raison d'être of Nato has been to eliminate this element of un-

certainty. In our time the greatest dangers of World War Three have all occurred in areas where Russia was unsure of Western intentions: Korea, Cuba, the Middle East, the Congo. This was often because, like Acquisite shainer the West did not Asquith's cabinet, the West did not know its own intentions. In Europe

thanks to Naro, there has been no misunderstanding, and no war.

Norway may be hard to defend So is West Berlin. But Nato is pledged to defend Norway, and demanding the pledge with every dramatizes that pledge with exercises on the Northern flank involving British, Canadian, American. Belgiam, Danish, Dutch, German and Italian forces. This is as it should be. If we permit any doubts in alien minds as to our intentions to defend any part of the Alliance, we could all be engulfed in a very masn

Yours faithfully, HUGH HANNING, Director, The British Atlantic Committee Benjamin Frankin House, 36 Craven Street, WC2. November 6.

Clergy stipends

From the Reverend Bruce Reed Sir, The call by the Reverend (Lawson-Tancred for an effective pro fessional body to further the right ful interests of parochial clergy in supendiary and allied matters (November 5) is at one and the same time a challenge to the lairy and a

rebuff to the episcopate.
Church Commissioners and other ecclesiastical authorities only determine the minimum stipends, which are supplemented from central funds. There are plenty of experi-enced lay businessmen in local churches who are aware of the finan-cial state of their clergy. To the extent that they take action in urg-ing their fellow parishioners to contribute to clergy stipends, they are showing the value they place upon their ministry. How many parochia! church councils place this matter

high on their agenda?
The professional body, as distinct from lay, which takes care of clergy and their interests is the episcopare They are not only the pastors of the pastors, but also their "shop stewards", who represent those who share with them the "cure of souls"

the Church of England
What is needed is to find ways of supporting bishops to take their shop steward role, rather than to set up an unofficial union, which will only push them farther into being over-burdened administrators, by treating them as if they were reluctant members of a board of directors. Yours faithfully,

BRUCE REED, South Hill Park, NW3.

Tied cottages

From Rear Admiral I. J. Lec. Spalding Sir, Mr David Gemmill's letter (The Times, November 2) puts the case for the tied cortage system force fully. What needs emphasizing in this connection is that there are a large number of areas where the system is in operation, not least in those controlled by the Government.

Mr Gemmill's list in his second paragraph is not intended to be complete. If I may mention a few more there are the Normana American more, there are the Navy, Army, Air Force and the Church.

What vicar can stay in his vicarage when he leaves the parish? What would be the reaction of the Ministry of Defence if sailors were allowed to stay in their married quarters when they left the Royal Navy 🤄 Yours faithfully,

I. J. LEES-SPALDING, 76 Limerston Street, Chelsea, SW10.

Cost of timber

From Mr Joseph Dean Sir, Instead of crying for help from government, as Mr Methuen suggests (November 2), tree owners might do better if they banded together to make sure that they get a proper price from umber or pulp merchants. Anybody who wants to fell or sell a tree or to buy a gatepost will be astonished amount he has to pay on both transactions.

It should not be impossible for one of the country associations to organize some sort of cooperative both to edvise its members about the real market value of trees and to provide a felling and selling service, whether the trees stand in large or small plantations or even alone. As things are nowadays, a vast amount of valuable timber goes, one might say, by the board.

Yours faithfully, IOSEPH DEAN. The Hall,

West Brabnurne, Ashford, Kent.

A simplistic question

From Mr A. J. Brayshaw Sir, What does simplistic mean? Does it simply (or simplistically) mean simple? I think it's horren-

Yours truly, A. J. BRAYSHAW, Apple Trees Reach Road Haslemere, Surrey.

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Latest wills

Air Marshal Sir Norman Coslett, 65; Rev Professor V. A. Demant, 81; Sir William Kininmonth, 70; Sir Aubrey Lewis, 74; Sir Richard Luyt, 59; Professor Robert McWhirter, 70; Lord Oakshott, 70; Sir Charles Tennyson, 95; Sir Alexander Waddell, 61.

At the request of the Society for Health Education, the Leverhulme Trust has made an annual grant of £24,000 for three years for research into health education at Nottingham University. Sir Harald Peake, chairman of the society, said the trust had indicated that it would sympathetically consider extending the grant in the light of what was achieved by 1977. He added that the society's honorary treasurer, Sir Miles Clifford, a former director of the Leverhulme Trust, had

tor of the Leverhulme Trust, had been invaluable in bringing about "this vigorous partnership".

Latest estates include (net, before

duty paid: further duty may be payable on some estates):

Cox, Mr Robert, of Wimbotsham, Norfolk (duty paid £3,426) £380,668

Beckett, Amy, of Little Sutton, Merseyside (duty paid £18,972)

Receptions

Soviet Ambassador

On the occasion of the fifty-seventh

anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution (National Day of the Soviet Union) the Soviet

Ambassador held the reception

yesterday. Among the guests were Mr Harold Wilson and other members of the British Government, leading figures from major political parties, members of Parliament, senior officials from the

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

and other government departments, members of the Diplomatic Corps, leaders of British trade unions, representatives of industry, banking and commerce and many friends of the Soviet Union.

The Directors of Inchcape and Co, Ltd. held a reception at Claridge's hotel last night. The guests were received by the Earl and Countess

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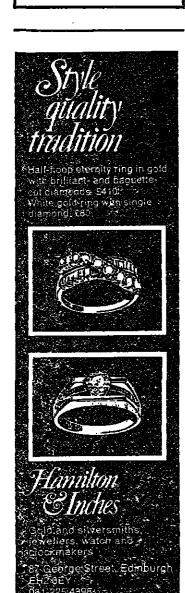
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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 7: His Excellency Mon-sieur Mecislav Jablonsky was received in audience by The Queen this morning and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the

slovak Socialist Republic to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Monsieur Vladimir Janak (Minister-Counsellor). Dr František Telicka (Minister-Counsellor). Colonel Jiri Boušek (Military and Air Attaché), Monsieur Daniel Facăra (Commercial Attaché) Monsieur František Pavils (Second Secretary (Cultural Attaché)), Monsieur Pavel Štukrajter (Second Secretary) and Monsieur Jan Příkopa (Third Secretary).

Madame Jablonská had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Queen. Sir Thomas Brimelow (Permarent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth anarral, who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Lord Winterbottom, the Lord Melchett, and the Lord Lovell-Davis had the honour of being received by The Queen upon their appointment as Lords in Waiting to Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Arbroath Railway Station in the Royal Train this morning and was received by the Vice-Lieutenant of Angus (Brigadier James Oliver). Lieutenant of Angus (Brigadier James Oliver).

His Royal Highness, as Captain General, then drove to visit 45 Commando Royal Marines at Condor Barracks and was received by the Commandant General Royal Marines (General Sir Ian Gourlay) and the Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel L. E. Hudson)

soni.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Maritime Trust, was later received upon arrival at Dundee Docks by the Lord Provost of Dundee and Lord-Lieutenant of the County of the City of Dundee (Mr Thomas Moore) and the Chairman of the Crr Preservation Society (the Earl of Dalhousle).

Royal Highness visited the nineteenth-century frigate Unicorn

... Royal Highness visited the nineteenth-century frigate Unicorn (Captain W. R. Stewart, RNR) and was entertained at luncheon.

This afternoon, The Duke of Edinburgh opened the Medical Research Council's Clinical and Population Cytogenetics Unit (Director, Professor H. J. Evans) at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh.

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Having been received by the Chairman, Medical Research Council (the Duke of Northumberland), His Royal Highness later declared the Building open, unveiled a

the Building open, unveiled a plaque and toured the Unit.

The Duke of Edinburgh was received upon arrival at East Kilbride Railway Station this evening by Her Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Lanark and President of the Scottish Branch of the National Playing Fields Association (the Lord Clydesmuir) and the Provost of East Kilbride (Mr James Smith).

His Royal Highness, as President of the National Playing Fields

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Association, attended an Industrialists' Dinner, given on behalf
of the Scottish Branch of the Association, at the Bruce Hotel.

The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently rejoined the Royal Train quently rejoined the Royal Train at East Kilbride Railway Station. Major Henry Hugh Smith was

November 7: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning visited Queen Mary's London Needlework Guild at St James's Palace.
The Lady Katharine Seymour was in attendance.

Mr A. P. Mullen and Miss M. D. Bedford The engagement is a between Anthony Patrix son of Mr and Mrs M Cripplegate, Rusper. Sus CLARENCE HOUSE

VORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE November 7: The Duke and Duchess of Kent this evening attended a Presentation of British Fashion by the Clothing Export Council at the British Embassy in

Their Royal Highnesses, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, were attended by Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, and Mrs Alan Hen-

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE, RICHMOND PARK November 7 : Princess Alexandra try Holidays Fund, was present today at the meeting of London and Country Helpers held at The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

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Luncheons

Deputy Speaker Mr George Thomas, Chairman of Ways and Means, gave a luncheon yesterday at the House of Commons in honour of Miss Maria Groza, Deputy Speaker of the Romanian Grand National Assembly bly. The Romanian Ambassador and Mme Popa were present. Stock Exchange

The Chairman, Mr G. A. Loveday, and members of the council of the Stock Exchange gave a luncheon party at the Stock Exchange yesterday. The guests

Were:
The High Commissioner for Australia.
Mr T. Jefferson Cunningham, Mr Hugh
J. Dykes. MP, Mr I. J. Fraser. Mr
Crispin Gascolone, Rear Admiral
Morgan-Giles, MP, Mr J. P. R. Glyn.
Str Ronald Harris, the Hon David
Montagu, Mr J. G. Phillimore, Lord
Samuel of Wych Cross, Mr M. F. Stonafrost and Mr Aubrey Wilson. Midiand Bank British Press

Pictures Awards 1974
Sir Archibald Forbes, chairman, Midland Bank, was host yesterday at a luncheon given by the bank at Grocers' Hall on the occasion of the presentation of the Midland Bank British Press Pictures Awards 1974. The guests included:
Sir William Barnetson, Mr G. Cromarty Bioom, Mr G. W. Crawley, Mr K. Edwards, Mr Harold Eyans, Mr P. Edwards, Mr Harold Eyans, Mr P. M. Archiban, Mr A. J. Miles, Mr J. A. Rose, Mr P. Stephens, Mr B. W. I. A. Rose, Mr P. Stephens, Mr B. Vickers, Mr E. J. Winnington-Ingram and Mr C. Wintour. Pictures Awards 1974

Dinner: Institute of Cost and Management Accountants
The President of the Institute of Accountants
The President of the Institute of
Cost and Management Accountants,
Mr Denys E. Edmonds, gave a dinner at Painter Stainers' Hall, EC4,
last night. The guests were:
Mr E. Barrett. Mr J. B. Blbby, Mr J.
Blake. Mr T. R. V. Bolland. Mr N. M.
Branch, Str Thomas Brimelow, Mr R.
J. D. Careless. Str Fredrick Catherwood Mr K. Dook. Mr J. B. Cossins. Mr
wood Mr K. Dook. Mr J. B. Duncan. Mr Davios. Mp Mr J. G. Day, Mr A. P. de
Boor, Mr W. Dekkor, the Duke of
Devonahire, Mr F. J. Doggelt, Mr J.
C. Duckworth, Mr J. B. Duncan. Mr G.
Godwin, Mojor-General J. C. Gould.
Captain J. K. Hamilton. Mr K. A.
Raicher, Mr F. J. Yon. Mr G. McWatters,
Mr T. R. F. Lyon. Mr G. McWatters,
Dilwan Mr N. S. J. Owen, Sir Barry
Page. Mr J. J. Page. Professor A. '
Peacock, Sir Frank Price, Mr R. F.
Richardson, Mr R. W. Scholey, Lor H.
F. W. Scott, Dr M. Sinckair. MajorGeneral J. D. B. Smith, Mr H. Siephonson, Mr T. A. Swinden, Mr P.
Kapscott, Mr G. R. G. Thing, Mr J.
S. D. Towler, Mr J. Trafford, Captain
A. Tyrrell, Mr A. E. Webb, Mr K. J. a
Webb, Mr R. W. L. Wilding, Mr H.
Halwwood Williams, Mr N. R. Wylls
and Mr T. B. Degenhardt,

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss J. G. Gow
The engagement is announced
between John, younger son of Mr
and Mrs Robin Adair, of 1 Crockford Park Road, Addlestone,
Surrey, and Joanna, daughter of
Wing Commander and Mrs W.
Graham Gow, of Copstone Shaw,
Cousley Wood, Wadhurst, Sussex.

Mr R. M. B. Henley and Miss G. Stanton

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The engagement is announced between Robert Michael Brooks, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Henley, of Clonyard of Southwick, by Dumfries, and Geraldine, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Stanton, of Houghton St Giles, Walsingham. Norfolk,

Rev P. J. Howson and Miss E. J. Walsh

The engagement is announced between Peter, twin son of Mr and Mrs Harold Howson, of Forty Hill, Enfield, Middlesex, and Jane. daughter of Dr and Mrs Rodney Walsh, of Sarisbury Green, South-ampton, Hampshire.

Mr P. J. W. Ledger, RM and Miss S. P. McL Power

The engagement is announced between Peter Jeremy Walton, son of Mr and Mrs P. W. Ledger, of Elkstone Court, Elkstone, Glouces-ENSKOPE COURT, ENSIONE, GIOUCES-tershire, and Sheens Patricia McLannahan, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. F. C. McL Power, of Casa Xanadu, Tal Virtu, Rabat, Malta, formerly of Moonshill, Isle of Wight,

The engagement is announced The engagement is announced between Anthony Patrick, elder son of Mr and Mrs Mullen, of Cripplegate, Rusper, Sussex, and Margaret Diana, younger daughter of Mr Douglas Bedford and step-daughter of Mrs W. L. Bedford, of Monks Dene, Old Oak Avenue, Chipstead, Surrey.

Mr V. H. Needham and Miss A. V. Wisdom

The engagement is announced between Vernon, son of Mr and Mrs F. H. Needham, of 8 Polhill Avenue, Bedford, and Alison, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs S. H. Wisdom, of 31 Grange Lane, Bromham, Bedford.

Marriages

Mr G. Menzies and Mrs D. F. S. Burke The marriage took place in London on Monday, November 4, between Mr George Menzies and Mrs Sonya Mr P. C. D. Gamble and Miss D. K. O'N. Pearson The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs F. D. M. Gamble, of Eaton Socon, Cambridgeshire, and Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. P. O'N. Pearson, of Chenies, Oakwood Bill, Ockley, Surrey.

Mr R. B. Hopkins and Miss M. M. Sharp

The engagement is announced between Richard B. Hopkins, son of Mrs Hopkins and the late Mr Ben Hopkins, of Cherry Tree Cotrage, Fints, near Tamworth, and Margaret Mary Sharp, SRN, SCM, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ernest Sharp, of 13 Girdwood Road, London, SW18.

Mr M. Lawless and Miss L.-A. Scrimgeour

The engagement is announced between Martin, elder son of Mr and Mrs C. R. Lawless, of Pippins, Netherton Road, Appleton, Berkshire, and Leslie-Ann, second daughter of Group Captain and Mrs D. McL. Scrimgeour, of Heathdene, Ray Mill Road East, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Mr P. M. Mace and Miss R. A. Denton

and Miss R. A. Denton

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place in Seattle early in 1975 between Michael, son of the late Mr P. A. Mace, and of Mrs J. M. C. Plowden, of Bushley, near Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr Jack V. Denton, Sr. of Seattle and of Mrs Betty Sr. of Seattle and of Mrs Betty Denton, of Seattle.

Major R. M. Readbead and Miss J. F. Saunders

The engagement is announced between Major Robin Readhead. 8/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), elder son of Lieutenaut-Colonel Robert Readhead, DSO, and Mrs Readhead, Gurdons and Mrs Readhead, Gurdons House, Wormley, Godalming, Surrey, and Jane Felicity, eldest daughter of Mr John Saunders, CBE, and Mrs Saunders, Beehive House, Box, Stroud, Gloucester-thire

Mr W. J. Sturdy and Miss E. C. Makins Smith

The engagement is announced between William John, son of the late Mr and Mrs W. L. Sturdy, and Elizabeth, daughter of the late Mr G. Makins Smith and Mrs E. Makins Smith, of Cheltenham. Mr L. Wulff

and Mrs L. Lewin

The marriage took place quietly between Mr Louis Wulff and Mrs Lisa Lewin in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy on Wednesday, November 6. 1974. Canon Edwin Young. Chaplain of the Royal Victorian Order, officiated.

J. H. Cordie, MP, Lord Macisan, Lord Chambetian, and Lady Macisan. Mr and Mrs A. Campbell, MF and Mrs J. K. Hickman, Mr G. W. Squire, Mr and Mrs W. Bentley, Mr and Mrs P. R. H. Wright. Mr and Mrs J. P. B. Simeon. Sir Arthur and Lady de La Mare. Sir Cyril and Lady Pickard, Mr and Mrs G. B. Chalmers, Mr and Mrs Mrs Mr Beicher Sir Cyril and Lady Pickard, Mr and Mrs G. B. Chalmers, Mr and Mrs R. B. Adams, Lord and Lady Pari, and Mrs R. B. Adams, Lord and Lady Pari, Mr and Mrs R. B. Adams, Lord and Lady Aldington, the Hon Hunh and Mrs Astor, Mr and Mrs R. Anthony Barber, the Hon John and Mrs Baring, Mr and Mrs R. M. Beleman. Sir Richard Beaumont. Mr and Mrs N. H. T. Bennett, Mr and Mrs R. M. Beleman. Sir Richard Beaumont. Mr and Mrs D. D. Brown, Mr and Mrs D. Brooks. Mr. G. R. Corness. Mr and Mrs D. D. Brown, Mr and Mrs D. Brooks. Mr. G. R. Corness. Mr and Mrs J. C. Cucknev, Sir Charles and Lady Duke, Mr and Mrs Mr. T. G. Gates, D. Grebam, Sir Percival and Lady Mr. D. Remoson. Mr A. B. Hodgson, Sir Evelyn Hone, Mr and Mrs Gavin Green, Wr R. D. Galem, Sir Ciatide and Lady Hore, Mr and Mrs Mr. D. Galem, Mr and Mrs M. Horsman, Lleutmannt. Colonel Sir John and Lady Proventing Mr. B. Hongson, Sir Evelyn Hone, Mr and Mrs M. Horsman, Lleutmannt. Colonel Sir John and Lady Privand Mrs A. B. Hongson, Sir Evelyn Hone, Mr and Mrs M. Horsman, Lleutmannt. Colonel Sir John and Lady Privaden, Mr and Mrs K. Montys, Lord and Lady Plowden, Sir Inhan and Lady Privaden, Mr and Mrs R. Y. Pritchard, Mr and Mrs A. B. Morshall, Mr and Mrs L. Mehnerbhagen. Mr and Mrs R. Y. Pritchard, Mr and Mrs G. Pelley, Mr and Mrs Mr and Mrs G. Pelley, Mr and Mrs Mr. D. Pelley, Mr and Mrs Mr and Mrs R. Y. Pritchard, Mr and Mrs G. Pelley Mr and Mrs G. Pel **Furniture** prices higher than expected

After the uncertainties of the English furniture market a week ago, there were very encouraging signs in a sale of Continental furniture at Christie's yesterday.

The heavy ornate Dutch marquetry and large Italian pieces were attracting prices comfortably on or above their estimates. An eighteenth-century Dutch marquetry display cabinet with an arched and glazed front and chamfered sides measuring 60 inches wide was sold for £3,150 (estimate £2,100 to £2,625) to a private buyer.

A late eighteenth-century Dutch marquetry cylinder bureau inlaid with vases and flower sprays went to another private buyer at £1,470 (estimate £525 to £840).

The afternoon sale, devoted to carpets, totalled £9,254, bringing to total for the day to £53,557 } A sale of vintage port, sherry and cognac totalled £47,833. Sotheby's Belgravia held a sale

Sotheby's Belgravia held a sale of silver and objects of virtu, which totalled £42,435. Gunther paid £4,500 for a Hermaum Böhm Viennese enamel, lapis lazuli and silver-gilt ostrich casket and stand, 27 inches high, estimated at £3,000 to £5,000. A fine gold snuff box inset with diamonds and an enamel portrait ministure of Queen Victoria went to Grans Antiques for £1,500, estimate £1,500 to £2,000 and Bloomstein gave £900 for a four-piece tea and coffee set, makers mark J. W. and J. W., Exeter, 1855, estimated at £500 to £800.

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Parker Bowles was christened Emma Teresa at the Church of Our Lady of Dolours, Fulham Road, on October 31 by Father Jerome Lambert, OSB. The godparents are Mr David Bowes Lyon, Lord Irwin, Mr Christopher Pilkington, Lady Cecil Cameron, Miss W. Daly, Mrs George Pilkington and Mrs John Robson. A sale of drawings and water-colours at Sotheby's realized 510,657.

The first day of a Stanley Gibbons two-day sale of Great Britain postage stamps made £18,536 yesterday.

A block of four of the twopenny blue of 1840 with each stamp neatly cancelled by a red Maltese cross fetched £1,700 and a penny stamp with Treasury roulette used on a cover sent from London to Burford in January, 1852, realized

25 years ago From The Times of Tuesday, November 8, 1949

Liverpool Street

From Our Special Correspondent For both passengers and railway engineers, Liverpool Street is easily the most irritating of London's stations. Every time an effort is made to improve condi-. . . there is a piece of bad

Yesterday, when the Eastern Region was introducing its faster and more frequent all-electric services on the Shenfield section, the whole line went completely dead through a power failure; and when this was put right a fault developed on the overhead cable at liford and held up normal services until 2.55 pm. Steam trains, which the electric service was to which the electric service was to displace entirely from yesterday, were brought back to assist in maintaining a service.

When the new electric line was Merseyside (duty paid £18,972) opened recently by the Minister of F71.062 Fleming, Mr John Russell, of Duffield (duty paid £16,084) £90,441 | when the new electric line was opened recently by the Minister of Transport, there were breakdowns on the steam-operated sections at Liverpool Street.

Memorial services

Lord Inford
A memorial service for Lord
Ilford, QC, was held at Hampstead
Parish Church on Friday, November 1. The Rev Graham
Dowell, Vicar of Hampstead,
officiated. Sir Gordon Willmer
read the lesson and Lord
Boyd-Carpenter, Chairman of the
Civil Aviation Authority, gave an
address. Mr Edward Heath, MP,
was represented by Mr John Lord Riford



Lambert, literary and arts editor, Lambert, literary and arts editor,
The Sunday Times, gave a reading from Milton's Areopogitica.
Among those present were:
Mrs Russell (widow), the Rev William
and Mrs Taylor (brother-in-law and
sister), Miss Ivy Russell, Miss Violet
Russell and Miss Vera Russell (sisters),
Mr and Mrs I. Powell | brother-in-law
and sister-in-law), Miss Violet Taylor.
Viscount Kemsley, Lord Thomson of
Fleet (chalirmen, Thomson Organisation) with the Hon K. R. Thomson
(Joint-Chalirmen), Mr Gordon Brunton
(managing director) and Mr James
Evans: Sir Michael and Ladv Bakton,
Mr William Rese-Mogg (editor, The
Times), with Mr Arhur Crook, Mr

Court of Appeal

Ordering spouse from matrimonial home: practical approach applicable to a case such as the

circumstances where the marriage is breaking down, it should think in terms of homes, especially for the children, and then calculate the balance of hardship between

The court dismissed an appeal by Mr Terence George Bassett from an order, made by Judge Phelan in chambers on October 18 on a summons by his wife, Mrs Sylvia Frances Bassett, granting her an injunction restraining him from returning to, entering or attempting to enter, or loitering near the matrimonial home in Powerscroft Road, Clapton, London.
Miss Elizabeth Lawson for the

husband; Mr Thomas Coningshy and Mr David van Hee for the LORD JUSTICE ORMROD SIG that the parties were married in 1970, when the husband was 31 and the wife 24. The husband had been married before and had a son. A child was born in February, 1973. They went to live in a small

two-room flat.
According to the wife, the marriage was extremely unhapty for reasons which the husband disputed. In May. 1974, the husband's son, then 15, went to live in the flat because his mother had moved away from London. That created great overcrowding.

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In July the wife left for the first time, taking the baby with her. She went to live with her parents, sharing a single bed, with her sister in a room with another woman and with the baby in a cot. The disconfert was such that she The discomfort was such that she must have had strong reasons for leaving home. At the hushard's request she re-turned to the flat, but she left as order might be no less drastic

Bassett v Bassett

Before Lord Justice Megaw, Lord
Justice Ormrod and Mr Justice
Cumming-Bruce
Where the court is asked to
order one spouse to leave the
matrimonial home pending suit in
circumstances where the marriage
is breaking down, it should think
in terms of homes, especially for
the children and then calculated. summons asking for the relief the judge gave her because she wanted to go back to the flat with the baby without the husband being

reply to the wife's, denied all her allegations. As an explanation for the breakdown of the marriage he merely suggested that a head infury she had received as a child had affected her behaviour. It was clear that the marriage had irretrievably broken down. All he did was to undertake not to molest her. His one object was to exclude her from the flat. On that evidence Miss Lawson

On that evidence Miss Lawson submitted that the wife had failed to bring herself within the principles of Hall v Hall ([1971] 1 WLR 404). In that case Lord Denning said that an order to exclude one spouse from the matrimonial home was a drastic order. It ought not to be made unless it was proved to be impossible for the spouses to live together in the same house.

house.
Phillips v Phillips ([1973] 1 In Phillips v Pnumps (1997)
WLR 615) Lord Justice Edmund
Davies adopted Lord Denning's
" impossible " phrase and added: paries adopted Lord Denning's
"impossible" phrase and added:
"Has it been established that the
conditions which . prevail in
the marrimonial home are such as
to make it quite intolerable for the wife . . . to continue to share accommodation with the band ? " and?

In his Lordship's judgment those adjectives and phrases had to be read in the context of the facts of the particular cases. To order a spouse to leave the marrimontal

home was a drastic order in that it was likely to occasion hardship varying in gravity from case to case. But to refuse to make such

and one or the other spouse would be leaving in any event. It had been admitted that there was a The husband, in an affidavit in strong probability that, after the eply to the wife's, denied all her decree his, the wife would obtain the flat as a home for her and the child so that the effect of the order on the husband, although drustic, would only be felt by him sooner

So far as principle was con-cerned, the element of protection of a spouse had always played an important part in the decisions. Protection must not be interpreted too narrowly. It went much farther than protection from vio-lence or apprehension of violence. When the court was confronted, as in the present case, with a wife who had left with her baby and gone to live in grossly overcrowded conditions the court must look for an explanation. The wife said that she was frightened of her husband. He denited it. In the absence of an explanation that she was association with the control of the control ciating with another man it was difficult to see why she would put herself and her family in that position without good reason. If there was good reason she needed the protection of the court, not to save her from physical violence, but to enable her to have somewhere to live-reasonably-with her baby. On the cases, therefore, their Lordships had to ask themselves whether such a situation would be "impossible" or "intolerable".

His Lordship's conclusion was that it would be "impossible" for the wife if she were required to return and live in the flat with the husband and his son. Hall v Hall was quite a different case on its facts now was Philling to Philling facts, nor was Phillips v Phillips

applicable to a case such as the present.

The position had been properly described as "impossible", and his Lordship was quite satisfied, on the facts, that the husband had adopted a thoroughly hostile attitude towards the wife. He had made no proposal with regard to the son, who was still living in the flat. The only way the wife could keep out of the way of the husband and his son would be to keep out of the flat altogether.

The remaining important question was what effect the judge's order would have on the husband. Would he be rendered homeless? On the facts it would not be impossible for him to get some place to live while the wife's position could only be described as desperate.

Where the court was dealing with

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a marriage which was breaking down it should think in terms of homes, especially for the children, and then calculate the balance of hardship between the spouses, not under-estimating the difficulty which even a single man had in finding somewhere to live, but mining somewhere to live, but bearing in mind that the break would have to be made in the near future. Where an impossible situation did exist the sooner it was ended the better. Delay in such cases might be a serious denial of justice and sometimes a grave failure on the part of the court to exercise its "protective"

MR JUSTICE CUMMING-BRUCE, agreeing, said that in cases where injunctions were sought to expel a spouse from the matrimonial home passages from Court of Appeal judgments were frequently quoted without adequate regard to their facts. The effect had been that the right to an injunction was liable mistakenly to be regarded as unduly to be regarded as unduly circumscribed.

In the present case the accom-modation which the wife occupied at her parents' home was not

suitable to enable her to discharge smitable to enable her to disting up the child. The husband proposed that she and the baby should return to the flat but was insistent that his son should continue to stay there. The difficulties of finding accommodation were well thrown but there was newferce. known, but there was no evidence from the husband to suggest that he would have any special diffi-culty in finding accommodation for himself if he had to leave, and there was no reason why the boy should not return to live with

his mother.

The approach of the court to applications to expel a spouse from the matrimonial home pending suit should be strictly practical, having regard to the realities of family life. Where a mother was looking after a child or children it was necessary to examine with the utmost care whether it was really practicable for bushand and wife to condition to the in the internal conditions to the conditions to t

the utmost care whether it was really practicable for husband and wife to coutinue to live in the matrimonial home. The principle he extracted from the cases was that the court should consider the accommodation available to both spouses and the hardship to each if the order was granted or refused, and then the court should consider whether it was really sensible to expect a wife and child to endure the pressures which the continued presence of the other spouse would place upon them. In the present case the husband was going to pray for a divorce on the ground that the wife's behaviour was such that he could not reasonably be expected to live with her. When the court was considering the extremely limited accommodation available, that factor was also relevant to the question whether they could really be required to live together until the final determination of their rights after the divorce. rights after the divorce,
Lord Justice Megaw delivered

The appeal was dismissed.
Leave to appeal was refused.
Solicitors: Clinton Davis & Co;

OBITUARY

MR ERIC LINKLATER Novelist, playwright, biographer



Mr Eric Linklater, novelist, playwright and bio-grapher, died yesterday in St John's Nursing Home, Aberdeen, aged 75. He was admitted to the nursing home several

weeks ago with thrombosis. Eric Linklater never quite achieved the critical recognition that would seem due to an author who possessed such powers of wit and comic invention and so lucid and elegant a prose style. No doubt his versatility was partially responsible for this, but there is also the fact that his work, for all its distinction, fell only uneasily into the normal literary categories.

Although he had his affinities with Peacock, and with other Scots writers such as Urquhart, Norman Douglas and perhaps Stevenson, he was very much his own kind of writer. Eric Robert Linklater was born in 1899 at Dounby, Orkney. of the Norse stock of the island on his father's side, and on his mother's of mixed English and Swedish descent. Both his father and his mother's father were sea captains. He was educated at Aberdeen Grammar School, and in 1917, after a term or two as a medical student at Aberdeen University, he went into the Army.

He saw the war through as a private in the Black Watch was wounded, and after the war went back to Aberdeen University to study medicine, which he abandoned later to read English. "English" included Anglo-Saxon, which led him by stages to Icelandic and to an absorbed interest in the Norse sages. On graduating in 1925, he went to Bombay as an assistaut editor on The Times of India.

Two vears later he was anpointed assistant to the Professor of English at Aberdeen and from 1978 to 1970 he was in the United States as a Commonwealth Fellow, ostensibly to work on a book on Ben Jonson, which did indeed appear in 1931 as Ben Jonson and King James but, more significantly, to gather the material for his satirical novel, Juan in America which, published in 1931, brought him

immediate fame. Thereupon he settled down to life of professional and prolific authorship combined with much travelling—to India again and to China, for material for Juan in China, which appeared in 1937—a life interrupted in 1932 by an incursion into politics as Scottish Nationalist candidate in the East Fife by-election.

Before the Second World War Common. Linklater was marri he was an officer in the Terri- to Marjorie, younger daugh trial Army, and from 1939 to of the late Ian MacIntyre. was a major in the Royal Engineers commanding daughters.

Orkney Fortress. The rest of the war he spent in the Directorate of Public Relations at the War Office. He was Rector of Aberdeen University from 1945 & 1948. During the Korean War he was a temporar colonel in Korea.

temporary lieutenant In his admirable and wholh characteristic autobiography
The Man on My Back (1941)
Linklater observed that "feet Linklater observed that leve authors can spare for their own lives much of the colour, the adventuring and vivacity of the work." Linklater was one who

did. The panache of his book he wore in his own life. No author, to meet, was mo like his work. He looked, an often sounded, with his barkin voice, although there was a con of himself, very much like the conventional notion of a pr fessional soldier, but a profe sional soldier who bubbled wit wit and high spirits, was brilliant talker and had a va and exuberant knowledge literature.

He held strong views abo the virtues of the British solds and for the rest of his life bo evidence of the ardours of se vive in the front line. His ski was deeply indented as a rest of his First World War wound As his work shows, he was

regarded as opposed types, t romantic and the satirist. Now as widely apart in the time their writing as Poet's P (1929) and Position at No (1958), reveal that his kinst with Peacock was a real one At the same time, the corre tion indicates both his stren and his weakness as a writ He wrote one of the best pro styles of our time, a prose firm based in the eighteenth centu masculine and mannered to point of dandyism.

But with few exceptions, a most obvious being his novel the campaign in Italy, the lightful Private Angelo (194 in his books his approach to I was through literature. T was apparent from the beg ning, in Juan in America, first of a series of brilliant tot de force. Although there were times

in Men of Ness, when it result something close to liters archaeology, it never preclud wit: far from it. Nor did it p clude imagination. Rather, seemed that Linklater needed story or a fable of the past order to focus his imagination as, for example, in his remains ably sympathetic recreation the Samson story, Husband Delilah (1962). Linklater called himself

carpenter, not an artist. He v in fact a fine and fastidio artist, but his art oft demanded a considerable c noisseurship of literature bef it could be appreciated at real value, which, althoadmittedly not of the high kind, was one that has ne been common, and was mi less than common in the per in which he wrote.

In recent years his wo included The Vovage of Challenger, Fanjore for a '. Hat, and The Corpse on Claph whom he had two sons and

There were two yery stro

tests in his career. First, management of the Whips ro

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ment as the first Govern General of the West Indies.

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task brought honour to t

Monarchy he was privilezed represent. In it he had t

gracious assistance of his char

ing wife Diana, to whom all o

LORD HAILES

Sir Robert Cary writes : The sudden death of Patrick Hailes will come as a great shock to his many friends, particularly those who had seen him recently when he was re-covering from a short illness.

I write as one who was privileged to share a very friendship with Patrick Hep-burn in the House of Commons when we were members of the Whites room in the Great Coalition and later through the years until he was appointed Governor-General of the West Indies. His inclinations were centred wonn persons rather than policies. Successively, he was close and the links there were nev

to Oliver Stanley, Winston Churchill and Anthony Eden. He had a fund of gond stories that any great diarist would envy, and his laconic way of telling them endeared him to all who cared to listen. Being the most discreet of men, he shared that narricular mien: with a very limited circle of friends. That trust was never betrayed.

sympathy must flow. Togeth they created a fund of go will throughout the West India severed. saw Patrick Hailes ve recently. He was hunvant as full of plans for the future. had a refined good taste architecture and was himself artist in oils of great craf manship. The loss of his adviand guidance to the arrist committees on which he servi and over which he presided w'

leave them that much poore

the Carey Thomas prize spo sored in 1943 by publishe weekly the Book Trade Journ

By the time he entered if publishing field with his ow

company Farrar had himse already heen published. He he produced poetry, a one-act pla a full length book and a

anthology.

After the First World War i which he saw service he was reporter and feature write for New York World: he was a reporter and feature write for New York World:

editor, in 1921, of the New Yor

literary monthly. The Bookma

His wife, who survives him Margaret Petherbride

Farrar, a former crosswor

Times who also edied mos word puzzle books for Simo and Schuster and was an asso

ciate and advisory editor with

Farrar, Straus and Co.

and wrote a book column

Tiric magazine.

MR JOHN C. FARRAR

Mr John C. Farrar, author and founder of two American publishing companies, Farrar and Rinebart, Inc. and Farrar, Straus and Young, has died at the age of 78.

Farrar, Stanley Rinebart and Rinehart's mother, the mystery novelist, Mary Roberts Rinehart, founded Farrar and Rinehart. Inc. in 1929. Farrar was editor. vice-president and chairman of the board. Steven Vincent Benet was the company's principal reader. Benet urged the publication

of Anthony Adverse by Hervey Allen and in 1933, the Eirm, had its biggest best seller. A successful series published by Farrar and Rinehart was the Rivers of America group. 21 volumes devoted to some of the

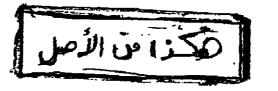
country's major and minor waterways. It was edited by Carl Carmer and Benet and won Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh opens new homes on Byker Housing Estate. Newcastle upon Tyne, 10.20; receives honorary freedom of Trinity House, Newcastle upon Tyne, 11.30; lunches with Lord Mayor of Newcastle upon Tyne. Mansion House, 12.30; as Admiral of the Sea Cader Corps, reviews parade of Tyneside and Tees units. Knightsbridge T and AVR Centre. Gosforth. 2.30.

The Prince of Wales account The Prince of Wales account honorary loctorate of law Conferred upon him by Queen Eliza-

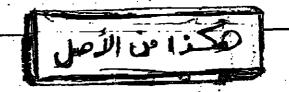
beth the Queen Mother. Chancellor of London University Senate House, 4,39. Princess Anne. patron of the Rid-ing for the Disabled Association, attends annual meeting and national conference of the arso-ciation. clation, National Equestrial Centre and Chesford Lion Hotel-Kenilworth, 11.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits Field of Remembrance. St Margaret's, Westminster. 11.2 The Duke of Kent, as Colonel-In-Chief, dines with The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, Tower of London, 7.40.





THE TIMES **BUSINESS NEWS**





Close look at

statements to

A reexamination of the aims and scope of published financial statements is being undertaken

statements is being trintertakent by a working party of the professional accounting bodies. Initial results are planned to appear by June 1975.

The study, which is being given the highest priority by the accounting profession, will look at the public accountability of all economic entities, akthough it-

all economic entities, although it-will concentrate on business

In a statement yesterday the

Institute of Chartered Account-

Institute of Chartered Account-ants said that the working party would aim "to identify the per-sons or groups for whom pub-lished financial reports should be prepared, and the informa-tion appropriate to their inter-ests. It will also consider the most suitable means of measur-

nost suitable means of measur-

ing and reporting the economic

position, performence and pros-pects of undertakings for these

by Mr D. Boothman, a member of the English Institute's Coun-

cil and a partner in the Man-chester office of Einder Hamlyn

Singleton Fabian. Its members, most of whom have now been picked, include financial directors of leading companies as well as professional accountants,

and the group is backed by the International Centre for Re-search in Accounting of Lancas-

ter University under Professor

Last night Professor Stamp

said that the group's aims coincided to some extent with those of the recent Trueblood Report

in the United States, although it

hoped to take a much broader social view than its American

A consultative panel repre-

senting a wide range of interests

including the Government, the

EEC Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission in

the United States, trade unions

and various business bodies will

be informed of the group's pro-gress and invited to submit

A reexamination of traditional

bases of accounting and report-

ing has been canvassed by

leading accountants for some time. Until recently the pro-fession has felt obliged to give

priority to the work of the Accounting Standards Steering ommittee in what Professor

Stamp described as "rressing fire-fighting operations".

The working party is chaired

purposes ".

Edward Stamp.

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Financial Correspondent

By John Plender

evere shortage rail trucks olds up coal for wer station

Correspondent

rere shortage of railway is preventing one of s newest and most t power stations from all the coal it can burn ime when the Central ity Generating Board is tely searching for every f coal it can find.

shortfall in deliveries to iw B power station, near is one of the principal why total coal deliveries B power stations since 1 are 158,000 tons below grammed amount.

Varional Coal Board says 0,000 tons of Welsh coal ilable to the generating ach week but only 60,000 ng accepted.

use of the peculiar quali-Welsh coal it can be only in power stations berthaw B specially deto handle it, so the surannot be transferred to in other parts of the

sh Rail said last night e sudden upturn in the s of coal had produced a e e of rolling stock. The is had assumed that coal decline in importance at stock orders had been to make good the shor-

nin's electricity chiefs are primistic about the prosgetting through the winithout any major power sainly on the basis of their mance during the coldest er on record since 1917. lough the unseasonable er increased fuel consumpy 8 per cent and coal dees were 2 per cent below ted levels, coal stocks at

the power stations actually increased by 50,000 tons. This situation was achieved by

burning 1.5 million tons of oil over 51 per cent more than ex-

receive 33 millian tons of coal from the NCB this winter and is optimistic that this figure can be achieved. If the productivity deal is signed and output from the pits increases, coal deliveries could rise to 36 million tons and the board has told the NCB that it would burn 40 million tons this winter if the coal was

renewed enthusiasm for coal at the CEGB. In the event of the incentive scheme being rejected by the miners' ballot it seems unlikely that the promised 33 million tons of coal will materialize this winter. At best

Providing the shortfall in pro-jected coal supplies does not slump significantly below this the generating board has sufficient spare oil fired capacity to make up the difference. But it is reluctant to do so since oil prices have gone up by 140 per cent since last September.

However, it was only by in-creasing the oil burn at the larger, more efficient oil stations that the CEGB was able to make a small increase in its coal stocks during October.

stocks stood at 11.87 million tons instead of a planned 13.75 million tons, but by November 3 coal reserves had risen to 11.91 million tons, against a planned level of 12.59 million tons.

upont offering of 500m well received

ry was made in the bond y successful floration of of around 94 per cent and it was gest ever public offering indicative of the easier money conditions that 0 to 59-day comctations of lower intermercial paper, for example, was ates stimulated strong \$500m n) of notes and bonds
I. Dupont de Nemours. ant chemical company. cers in New York said ould be surprised if the lational City Bank did not

s prime lending rate to r cent from 103 per cent ow. Many bankers and lealers confidently expect ime rate to sink to 10 per the next few weeks. huge Dupont offering is a part of the new issue that the bond markets bsorbing with apparem the booming bond market ions are being aided h fresh funds being d into the banking system Federal Reserve Board. gan Stanley and Co led 18-member underwriting ate of the Dupont offer-)ealers said demand for ipont \$350m 30-year bonds "quite fantastic". The came on offer at par with pon of 8.45 per cent to te an effective yield of

ng demand was also seen 1e Dupont \$150m seven-

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nings Per Share

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INTERIM STATEMENT

THE NEW THROGMORTON TRUST

LIMITED

INTERIM REVENUE STATEMENT

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417,219

523,046

201,092

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81,870

0.823p

176,107

£176,107

e directors declared a first interim dividend of 1.8% Net. 73 2.8% Net.) on 7th August 1974 which was paid to Share-cers on 4th October 1974.

at 993, with a coupon of 8 per cent, to yield 8.05 per cent. The Fed has been pumping today with the ex- in new cash at Fed funds rates

> trading just above 9 per cent today. Citibank uses a money market formula to adjust its prime rate, which calls for a present rate even lower than the 101 per-cent that is expected to be

> One small northern bank, the Michigan National Bank of Detroit, has even overtaken the nation's big banks by announcing that it will set a 10} per cent prime rate to be effective on Monday.

> Some bankers had fears of a liquidity squeeze developing as the Treasury moved to drain sbout \$1,200m in what was described as "one of the heaviest tax and loan calls seen in

weeks " But swift Fed action countered the impact of this move and made it certain that government agencies coming to the market for quite vast sums this week would encounter little difficulty. The Treasury yesterday sold

\$2,500m of three-year notes and said today that the average bid was a pricing of 99.737 per cent, with a coupon of 7.7 per cent, to give an effective yield of 7.85 notes, which were priced per cent.

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ended 31.3.74

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hitsout destruction' By Edward Townsend

Lord Robens, chairman of Vickers, spoke out strongly in

Addressing the Institute of

Later, Mr Murray delivered a

surprisingly mild speech, com-menting only briefly on Lord Robens' address and reiterating

union demands that major com

pany decisions should be made by mutual agreement "instead

of managements trying to impose them on people.".

Lord Robens had some kind

words for one union leader. He described Mr Jack Jones, gen-eral secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, as

the only one of note who had been bold and courageous enough to show the stature of

enough to show the stature of leadership.

He praised Mr Jones's recent speech urging moderation in wage bargaining as "momentous". There would be many union leaders who would not like it, "but this forthrightness and the status of the stat

by Jack Jones deserves the ad-

miration and the commendation

of all intelligent and sensible

people in this country.

Mr Murray chided Lord
Robens for not concentrating on

the subject of industrial acci-

dents. While he had been speak-ing 200 people had been injured and some would lose weeks or

months from work. He also spoke of unions' de-

sire for greater accountability

of companies to workers, and said that the TUC proposed the

London yesterday against what he saw as the weakness of British society—"the almost un-believable self-destructive industrial relations of this century' Directors' annual conference at

the Albert Hall, Lord Robens stressed that every strike made The CEGB is still expecting to the economic plight of the country worse. They were self-inflicted wounds from which the country would slowly bleed to Lord Robens' remarks were greeted by several bouts of applause from the 5,000 company directors who packed the hall while Mr Len Murray, the TUC general secretary, sat impassively to his left on the speakers' platform.

Despite price increases earlier in the autumn coal is still extremely competitive with heavy fuel oil, and this is the basis for

the coal board estimates it will be 500,000 tons short of the

At the end of the summer coal

formation of supervisory boards with 50 per cent worker mem-Conference speeches, page 22

Pay dispute settled at Chrysler

By R. W. Shakespeare A long and troublesome pay dispute involving key toolroom workers at Chrysler's two Coventry car plants was settled yesterday when they voted to accept an offer of improved overtime rates for weekend working and

cash concession in connexion

with a staff pension scheme. The settlement results to a large extent from the intervention by the Government-spon-sored Conciliation and Arbitra-tion Service which brought management and union representatives into fresh talks after earlier negotiations had failed. Now they have accepted an increase in weekend overtime rates from rime-and-a-half to time-and-threequarters, and a once for all lump sum payment in connexion with the pension

scheme transfer. Jaguar lay-offs: Two thousand assembly workers at Jaguar's Coventry plant were laid off yesterday because of a strike at mother British Leyland factory. The strike in the paint shop at the corporation's car body plant at Castle Bromwich, Birming ham, at first involved 250 paint shop men in an argument over a shift payment. They were yesterday joined by about 1,000

Bonn may decide on Herstatt

production workers.

Cologne, Nov 7.—Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, said that the Bonn government might have to intervene if a satisfactory arrangement for compensating creditors of Bankhaus ID Herstatt was

not reached. The Chancellor told a meeting of the West German In-surance Federation that the government would weigh the consequences of a failure to reach agreement, and "act if

Herr Schmidt's statement came as pressure mounted on Herr Hans Gerling, 81.4 per cent shareholder in Herstatt, to work out a settlement on the basis of suggestions by mediator Herr Guenter Vogelsang

Mr Benn guide to NVT workers

Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, is to visit the Norton Villiers Triumph plant at Small Heath, Birmingham, today to explain to employees how the workers' co-operative at the former Triumph factory at nearby Meriden will operate.
Workers at the Small Heath
factory have expressed fears that the Meriden co-operative could endanger their jobs. They want an assurance from Mr

Benn that in the event of a reces-

sion in the motor cycle market

the co-operative will not be

given priority.

by brokers at 'industrial expanding in Europe

By John Whitmore At a time when the pressure

is on the stockbroking community to cut back its costs. Hoare & Co, Govett, which itself announced 60 redundancies last March, is pushing ahead with an ambitious plan to promote its data-STREAM financial time-sharing system in Europe.

In what must rank as a unique exercise in cooperation between the stockbroking world and a government-sponsored institu-tion, the scheme is being backed by the National Research and Development Corporation.

The dataSTREAM network,

which offers subscribers access to extensive industrial, economic and stock market data banks, has been planning to go international for more than a

During this period data bank have been prepared on a num-ber of overseas economies and stock markets and in addition to its coverage of the United King-dom and Hongkong markets dataSTREAM now offers sub-scribers coverage of the United States, France and Germany. Plans are in hand to expand French and German coverage

and to provide services on the Swedish, Italian, Australian and South African markets.

The first target in Europe will be the Dutch financial community. The group has been run-ning a service to Robeco, the

Rotterdam-based investment group, for some time and recently leased a direct line to Holland and set up a branch office. Next year it is planned to take direct lines to other continental centres so that the system can

serve clients in Paris, Frankfurt

and Zurich. The service will be available in French and German as well as English. The price paid by European subscribers will be appreciably higher than that paid by British clients, reflecting the higher capital outlay involved and the higher running costs. Against an annual cost of £2,500 to £6,000 for a British subscriber, the cost to continental users is likely to be in the £8,000 to

f.10,000 range.

The total capital outlay involved will depend on the speed of expansion and how quickly the project starts to become self-

Lord Robens Data service | Shell seeks inflation accountancy reform as income surges ahead

By Anthony Rowley Royal Dutch/Shell, the Anglo-Dutch oil group, yesterday came out in favour of accounting reforms to prevent com-panies being taxed on unrea-lizable stock profits caused by inflation.

Accompanying the announce ment of a further apparently massive profits increase, the group's statement seems designed to prompt political criticism over its current price

increase applications as well as to sway the Chancellor's autumn Budget thinking.

Third quarter net income at Royal Dutch/Shell was 82 per cent up, from £169m to £304m, but around one quarter of this but around one-quarter of this increase simply reflects the in-creased value of stocks following further rises in the cost of crude oil. The tax charge rose from £268m to £672m in this period.

"In a continuing business,

By Our Financial Staff

Share prices fell back yester-

day when the London stock

market was unsettled by ner-

was inserted by her yousness ahead of Budget Day and by persistent rumours that another big company planned to follow the lead from Commercial

Union Assurance and raise cash by means of a rights issue.

Among several major com-

panies named in the rumours

were ICI, whose shares dipped

to 145p before rallying to close a net 5p off at 146p; Burmah Oil, 6p off at 148p; Lloyds Bank,

5p off at 115p; Grand Metro-politan, ip off at 29p, and Tube investments, down 5p at 155p.

Yesterday speculation follows

the market success of the rights issue by Commercial Union,

whose new shares were quoted

yesterday in the fully-paid form for settlement in the new

account at 78p—a premium of 18p over the subscription price.

But some dealers yesterday doubted the likelihood of fur-

ther cash raising in the market

at least until after Budget Day. Earlier, the market was upset

by disappointing trading results

from Boots and from Shell, as

well as by reports that some

Rights issue rumours

unsettle markets

profits used in replacing stocks at a higher cost should not be viewed as current profits, yet for tax and other purposes they are treated as if they had been realized", the statement said. "It is insufficiently appre-

ciated that the generally accepted accounting principles used to calculate these results have progressively less validity. They provide a reasonable view of the true financial state of a business only in times of relative price stability.
"Their application in present

conditions of spiralling costs, especially in the oil industry, distorts substantially the underlying realities."

Royal Dutch/Shell says that though its oil stocks held out-side North America were about the same at the end of the third quarter of 1974 as in 1973, their value and cost of replacement was £1,200m or three

Arab states would continue to

press for higher oil prices. The Times index fell 1.55 to 75.18 and the FT index 4.2 to 191.3.

Boots: Reflecting the impact of

higher costs, pre-tax profits of Boots declined by 4.8 per cent

£5.2m to only £112,000. But for

profits on property sales of

results have shown an improve-

ment while the benefits of a

major cost reduction programme

55pc decline

house starts

ment of the Environment yes-

September results bring the

total private sector starts for

the third quarter to 55 per cent

below those for the equivalent

period last year and 8 per cent

down on the previous quarter.

Private houses completed were

down by 6 per cent on the

previous quarter and 33 per

cent on a year earlier.
In the public sector, starts

were 11 per cent down on the

previous quarter but 29 per cent up on a year earlier, while com-

pletions were 2 per cent and 19 per cent up respectively. Building industry representa-

tives yesterday called for efforts from the Government to

stimulate demand from home

The House Builders federation wants the Chancellor in his Budget next week to take a

number of steps to improve the situation. These include remov-

THE POUND

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Belgium Fr Canada \$

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FT index: 191.3 -4.2

Bank sells

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in private

By Patricia Tisdall

terday.

£592,000, the group would have reported a loss.
In recent weeks, trading

orice restraint.

Further OPEC cost increases applicable from October 1 will add an additional £100m to replacement costs. This "toplacement costs. This placement costs. 1818 together with overall cost inflation, will completely absorb the
oil trading margin unless
prices in the market place are
allowed to respond to these increasing costs.

"Moreover, in times of in-flation, conventional accounting principles exaggerate not only the profits by inadequate depreciation provisions, but also the return on capital by understatement of the current value of capital employed", the group added.

group added.

Total Compagnie Françaises des Petroles, the French oil group, yesterday announced that its first half pre-tax profits rose from F1,606m (about £146m) to F7,126m (about £648m) but the tax charge was up from F1,286m to F5,909m.

Financial Editor, page 21

Details given of how crisis

hit WAB By Christopher Wilkins The extent of the crisis experienced during the summer by Western American Bank (Europe), one of the leading London-based consortium banks, has now become clear.
By the end of September the

to £26.4m in the six months to end-September, while sales rose by 18.7 per cent. bank's deposit base had been more than halved from its level loover: Third quarter results at the previous balance sheet date of January 31. The bulk from Hoover yesterday showed a collapse in pre-tax profits from £5.4m to £1.5m. Hoover, of the deposit withdrawal is believed to have taken place in the wake of the Herstatt Bank which has been suffering from unofficial strike action at its collapse in June, which sparked Cambuslang and Merthyr Tydfil off a wave of uncertainty among depositors about certain factories since the beginning of last month placed the blame for banks active in the Eurocur-

rency market.
Several consortium banks the shortfall fair and square on Debenhams: Shares of the were in the forefront of those falling under the cloud of suspicion. Debenhams department store group fell 4p to 31p following the announcement of a slashing of interim pretax profits from

Figures published in a pros-pectus issued in connexion with \$20m Eurobond offering by the financing arm of the Bank of Tokyo, one of WAB's share-holders, reveal that WAB's deposits were down from £517m to £237m between January and the end of September. Over the same period total

balance sheet assets were also have begun to be apparent.
Financial Editor, page 21 more than halved from 5565m to 5272m. The bank's capital

to £272m. The bank's capital base, however, remained unchanged at £27.6m.

In September WAB announced that it had received "significant" support from its parent banks which, besides the Bank of Tokyo, are the National Bank of Detroit, Security Pacific National Bank, Wells Fargo Bank and Hambros Bank.

Stock Exchange inquiry Only 7,000 new private houses The Council of the Stock Ex were started in September comchange is to inquire into deal pared with 18,000 in the same ings in the ordinary shares of FMC, prior to announcement of the bid by the NFU Developmonth last year, according to figures issued by the Depart-

ment Trust. The directors of FMC asked for an inquiry. The FMC shares rose from 29p on October 4 to 38p at mid-day on October 9 when the bid, which values them at 65p, was announced. Bidding for a marketing change,

Bill provides for state takeovers Scottish oil sites Offshore oi! production sites

are to be taken into public ownership under the terms of the Offshore Petroleum Develop-ment (Scotland) Bill, published yesterday. This gives the Secretary of State for Scotland power to acquire compulsorily, if necessary, any land in Scot-land needed for any purpose connected with the exploration for or exploitation of offshore page 21 petroleum.

Head Wrightson

half year report

	31 July 1974	to 31 July 1973	to 31 Jan. 1974
	£000	£000	£000
Turnover	23,717	18,731	40,369
Trading Profit before interest and			
exceptional items Bank and Debenture	748	1,022	2,307
Interest	(350)	(111)	(397)
Exceptional items	398 (1,827)	911 (482)	1,910 (745)
Investment Income	(1,429) 13	429 2	1,165 4
(Loss)/Profit before tax Tax	(1,416) 596	431 (122)	1,169 (377)
(Loss)/Profit after tax	(820)	309	792

The Group results are based upon unaudited figures.

pacts to book a total of £80 millions of orders in the year to 31 Jan 1976. Head Wrightson is primarily a heavy engineering group engaged in long-term contracts. Inflation continues unabated, material supplies are uncertain and there is heavy pressure on wages and salaries. We have been unable to recover the resulting increased costs in full in our selling prices. After consideration of present economic uncertainties we have decided to make exceptional provisions totalling £1,827,000 before appropriate tax relief. Somewhat over helf the total provision is against our iron foundry where over the past 12 months escalation costs has been 55.2%. Negotiations are proceeding on fixed prices comrects taken in 1972.

We are also providing three approximately equal sums against;... A steelworks plant contract in Argentina,
 The unlavourable outcome of three other long term plant

and III) Our entry into the North Sea oil equipment market where we consider it prudent to write off the development costs incurred

The Directors have decided to defer the payment of an interim dividend, Barning unforeseen carcumstances the trading profit for the second half of the year will be better than that for the first, All exceptional items will be dealt with in greeter detail in the Annual Report and Accounts.

7 November 1974 Head Wrightson & Co. Ltd., The Frienage, Yarm, Cleveland

HEAD WRIGHTSON

Ever Ready cleared of abusing monopoly of merging foreign competitors. By Maurice Corina

A Monopolies Commission re-

commendation that significant reductions should be made in the price of Mallory photographic batteries has been accepted by the Government. At the same time, it is asking the director-general of Fair Trading to maintain special surveillance over the prices policies and pro-fits of the Ever Ready company, Britain's dominant primary bat-tery maker, which also has a 25 per cent shareholding in Mal-

These moves follow vesterday's publication of the commission's investigation into the supply of primary batteries, which rules that Ever Ready has a monopoly position, but has not abused it

Mr Alan Williams, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, commented : " While the commission found that the company had not abused its market power, they considered the possibility of abuse existed and that it was possible, in some years time, there might be a case for a further reference."

The report reveals that Ever Ready makes 80 per cent of Britain's zinc carbon batteries, with at present no really strong competitor in spite of Vidor (Crompton Parkinson) and imports. Mallory is totally dominant in the mercury battery market, though there are signs

Besides recommending a regular review of Mallory's prices and profits, the commis-sion conclude that the level of prices charged on its sales of photographic betteries resulted in excessive profits and thus operated against the public interest. The Government has asked Mr John Methven, director-general of Fair Trading, to discuss the implementation of to discuss the implementation of price cuts.

In the course of their inquiries, the commission found there was "substantial ignoramong customers to the most appropriate uses for the different types of zinc carbon batteries.

It urges Ever Ready to take further steps to make customers aware of these different applications, as well as introducing date marking. In particular, the commission doubts whether Ever Ready has done enough to warn the public that higher margin HP batteries are not such good value as SP types for certain uses, such as in torches.
Although the commission does

not make any specific recom-mendation about the cross-share-holding of Ever Ready in Mallory, the members thought it right to draw attention to the possible undesirable conse-quences of the investment in and representation on the board of a company operating in a field so closely related

ing uncertainty about mortgage rates, postponing repayment of the Government loan to building societies, and putting off plans for land nationalization. The Times index: 75.18 -1.55

8p to 15p 5p to 146p 5p to 115p 6p to 30p 1p to 157p 8p to 360p 61p to 21p

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How the markets moved

Rises Cons Tea & Land 10p to 125p 7p to 192p 12p to 160p Aust Estates Aust & NZ 5p to 80p 5p to 255p 12p to 190p 10p to 335p Jokai Ningate Explor Brit Enkalon Bk of NSW Broken Hill Com Union 1p to 13p 20p to 365p 12p to 452p Nat of Aust Peko Wallsend Union Corp 3n to 780

Ass Port Cement 4p to 86p Bracken Mines 20p to 280p Boots 15p to 117p Burmah Oil 6p to 148p 40p to 900p E Driefontein GKN Berbert, A.

Equities were weaker. Gilt-edged securities held steady in quieter trading. Sterling fell five points to \$2.3470. The "effective devaluation" rate was 18.8 per cent. Gold dropped \$1 to 5178.25.

SDR-\$ was 1.19882 on Wednesday while SDR-£ was 0.510897. On other pages Appointments vacant 26, 29, 30 Business appointments 24 Business appointments

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Commodities: December sugar plunged £50.50 but the London daily price was raised another £20 to a peak £550. Cocoa fell sharply after early gains and copper lost £3.75 after being £15.75 higher. Zinc declined £5.75 and LME silver fell between 7.4p and 8p. Reuters index was 5.1 up at 1,261.4.

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Compagnie Française des 21 24 19 By David Young Members of the Road Haulage Association have been told by their vice-chairman that many

face bankruptcy unless there is

an increase in haulage rates by

well over 20 per cent. Mr John Silbermann, speak-ing in Norwich yesterday, said an increase in prices charged to customers in the region of 20 per cent "is not even adequate to keep us in business any longer.

Bankruptcies in the road haulage industry have risen considerably this year and Mr Silbermann told his members that it may be more sensible to fail financially without wearing out trucks and trailers. "Keep the vehicles in your depots unless the customers are prepared to pay the right prices"

He told members that it is the of hauliers to calculate what price rises are needed to run businesses profitably, and then insist on these prices. "The age-old tendency to cut rates must be resisted by all possible means unless we want to see an all-time record of business failin the road haulage

What you have to make up your minds about is whether you want to go out of business by inadequate pricing leading to financial failure, at the same time having worked and worn out your rolling stock without purpose, or whether you want to attempt to remain in business on perhaps a modest scale by vorking on when at least the income returns a modest return for your investment."

The soaring cost of replacing lorries—prices of new vehicles have risen in the past year by between 25 and 100 per cent and interest rates were blamed by Mr Silbermann for pushing up costs even before the latest

ways Board and the Department

of the Environment which will

determine whether or not the Government will provide 53m

15 miles of waterway in south

The scheme has been under

consideration by the DoE for a long time and would in-

volve upgrading of the Shef-field and South Yorkshire Canal

petween Doncaster and Rother-

ham so that the existing capa-

city of the waterway would be expanded to cope with barges of up to 700 tons as far as Mexborough, and of 400 tons to

Ever since the BWB's freight

services division put forward the idea—which would link with

Bonn, Nov 7.—West Germany's unemployed rose by nearly 21

with September, according to figures published today. The total in October was 672,000, or 3 per cent of the total labour force, 115,00 more than in

W German jobless

up 21pc in a month

Key meetings next week on

Crucial meeting will take the Humber—it has encountered place next week between difficulties with the DoE. officials of the British Water-Board officials now detect

to support the development of through the work and its sub-

the Barge Aboard Catamaran BACAT operation by dockers (BACAT) service operating from at Hull continues.

per cent last month compared | and 35,000 commercial vehicles

SMILLS SMILLS

ANOTHER YEAR

SALES & PROFITS

Following the increased interim

total for the year of 20.446%

The A.G.M. will be held at the

at 12.30 pm on Monday,

Hill, Birmingham B120JJ.

2nd December 1974.

Chamber of Commerce, Birmingham

Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary,

at the Registered Office, 193 Camp

DOWDING & MILLS

acquisition rose by 41.2% and profits

payment the Directors recommend a

Final Dividend of 11.536% making a

Group turnover including new

OF RECORD

before tax by 30.4%.

against 19.60%.

Profit before tax

Profit after tax

Pence per share

Net dividends

Earnings after tax

Net assets

Yorkshire canal project

Shipbuilders demand interim policy pending nationalization

The Government has been urged to adopt an interim policy which will provide Britain's shipbuilding industry with maximum flexibility in advance of legislation, for extending nationalization to the shipbuilding, ship-repairing and marine engineering industries. In his inaugural address after

taking over as president of the Shipbuilders and Repairers National Association last night, Mr A. Ross Belch said that the industry found the prospect of operating in a vacuum "profoundly disturbing".

The association, he said, accepted that it was unreasonable for a complex piece of legislation to be completed speedily in a congested parliamentary programme, yet it was equally unreasonable to expect the industries concerned to But Mr Belch, managing operate in a state of acute un-director of the Scott-Lithgow

It was for this reason that the SRNA had appealed to the Gov-ernment to introduce a satisfactory interim arrangement which would enable management to unaffected by the weakening of commercial confidence which continued uncertainty tended to

Leaders of the SRNA will meet Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, on Wednesday next week to discuss his plans for nationaliza-

SRNA officials are hopeful that they will be able to per-suade Mr Benn at least to consider incorporating some aspects of their alternative although Mr Benn has so far steadfastly refused even to dis-cuss the alternative strategy. managing

that the industry would seek to make nationalization work, pro-vided it was based on a feasible formula, and he outlined some of the points which the industry will underline at its meeting with Mr Benn next week.

It will emphasize the importance of fair and reasonable compensation for shareholders affected by a state takeover, and the need for the degree of central control over the industry to be minimized so as to preserve the individual identity of

The shipbuilding industry is anxious that the Treasury should not have excessive controlling powers over the development of a national policy for shipbuilding. Senior executives within the industry believe that given cooperation from all sides, the framework of a policy could be established within

Kuwait could increase oil royalties if reductions on posted prices agreed

Kuwait government's because royalties could be increased to make good the difference. Mr Abdulrahman Salem al-Atiqi, the Kuwaiti Minister of Finance and Petroleum said yesterday.

Lower posed prices could however appearse "the violent campaign orchestrated against producing countries," he said during a briefing on ministerial conference of oil producers, due to open in Abu Dhabi at the

Saudi pledge : Saudi Arabia has promised to try to hold the line on oil prices or work for a nominal cut at the the meeting of oil-producing states next month in Vienna.

Mr Omar Saqqaf the foreign minister made the promise to Dr Henry Kissinger, United States Secretary of State after a

Board officials now detect

an easing in the official attitude

and were encouraged last year

by consent to the promotion of a parliamentary Bill to carry

Further support for the

board's case for the improve-ment to the SSYC has come, it

is understood, from the Central

Policy Review Staff. Impressed

by the board's case, the Govern-

ment's "think tank" officials are believed to be preparing a

paper for submission to the

mooted the cost was put at about £2.4m and this has now

been upgraded to at least £3m. Meanwhile, blacking of the

October car output

21pc below year ago

Britain's motor industry pro-duced an estimated 124,000 cars

during the first four weeks in October, the Department of Industry said yesterday. During the same four weeks in 1973

car output was 21 per cent higher at 156,718.

1973

3,732,384

780,836

448,490

14.49

2.94

0.98

1974

5,269,722

1.018,463

478,698

17.27

3.53

1.02

When the scheme was first

sequent enactment.

Cabinet

A drop in the posted price of 90-minute meeting with King crude oil would not affect the Faisal. Dr Kissinger, leaving for Jordan, expressed his "gratification" with Mr Saqqaf's statement that Saudi Arabia "will continue to work for lowering

> meeting in mid-December. The Shah of Iran told Dr Kissinger earlier that he would try to hold the line on prices. In the view of some analysts, this would amount to a cut in the rate of worldwide inflation. -AP-Dow Jones

prices" at the Organization of

OPEC bank: In Caracas, Venezuelan investment fund officials said members of OPEC were studying the possibility of setting up an international international bank to channel their financial

resources. Mr Carlos Guillermo Rangel, president of the fund which was

Bank economist

sounds warning

against reflation

A warning was sounded by Mr William Manser, a leading economist, yesterday that this would be the worst time in the

past 30 years for the Government to reflate the economy.

A vast programme of new

state expenditure would be reflation in itself, he says, in the National Westminster Bank's quarterly review.

Mr Manser, economic adviser

to a London merchant bank and

a former international relations

Steel Federation, gives a grim warning on the dangers of a

which cannot be paid for on current account, which cannot

effectively be financed on the international markets and

international markets and which, even if it could be con-

verted into debt, could not then

be repaid, governments will come under strong pressure simply to reduce the level of economic activity."

The way out was simple

raw material price

enough. A rational structure of

should be built at levels which could be absorbed without

major dislocation. The surplus

revenues of primary suppliers should be used in buying goods, services and acquiring long-term assets, he argues.

Italy's inflation

highest in EEC

Brussels, Nov 7.—Italian con-

sumer prices rose 20.3 per cent in September compared with a year before—the highest inflation rate in the European Eco-

nomic Community, according to

statistics issued today by the EC commission.

Seasonally adjusted unem-ployment was down 4 per cent in August at 999,600. This was

the only decline registered in

the Community.

On a year-to-year basis, Ireland's consumer prices showed the next highest increase at 17.9

per cent in September. Den-mark's rose 16.6 per cent, Britain's 15.8 per cent, Bel-gium's 15.6 per cent, France's 14.7 per cent, Luxembourg's 10.6 per cent, Holland's 10.3 per

cent and West Germany's 7.3

per cent. West Germany's September

unemployment rose 131.7 per cent in a year to a seasonally adjusted 716.300, topped only by Denmark with a 144.7 per cent

rise to 58,000.

In the Netberlands, unemployment totalled 152,800 in September, an increase of 32.1

per cent in a year, followed by Britain with a 20.2 per cent rise to 683,700.—AP-Dow Jones.

"Faced with an oil deficit

world recession.

of the British Iron and

set up to accommodate Venezuela's excess oil earnings. said his country was to invite the Shah of Iran and King Faisal to Caracas early next year for talks on problems affecting oil-producing coun-

Planning ministry officials said Venezuelan participation in an OPEC bank would show the country's goodwill towards Industrialized countries, and would demonstrate Venezuela was not using petroleum as a political weapon.-Reuter.

Sea concessions: Norwegian government's decision on new concessions in the North Sea is likely to be announced next week, our Osla correspondent writes. Of the 32 blocks open for tenders in July last year, only five are likely to be granted at this occasion, Noroil, the Norwegian

Backlog of patents applications is new fear

A mountain of unexamined patent applications may arise if proposals put forward to a work-ing party now engaged in organizing the future European Patent Office is adopted.

Seven working parties are already engaged in organizing all aspects of the EPO to be built in Munich. Among their duties are patent searching and examination procedures and staff matters such as training. At a recent meeting concern was expressed over the number of European countries that will

ask for EPO work to be subcontracted to them and the amount of work they will seek. The protocol on centralization permits up to 40 per cent of Munich work to be subcontracted and many of the national patent offices in Europe are anxious to secure as much of

This they see as a means of keeping national offices intact and their existing staff employed if future patent applications are lodged in Munich rather than nationally.

this percentage for themselves

as possible.

It is feared that the total amount requested by national offices will exceed the 40 per cent Accordingly proposal is that as large a back-log of unexamined patent applications as is acceptable should be allowed to accumulate in some national offices between now and the Munich opening in

The British Patent Office has a backlog of over 50,000 unexamined applications, which usually means in practice a delay of at least a year before any new patent application is examined. This delay is a continual burden to industry and any further increase would be crippling.

BSC warns strikers of threat to 9,000 jobs

Northern Industrial Correspondent

strike has caused the shutdown of all steelmaking operations at the British Steel Corporation's £22m plant at Llanwern, near Newport, South Wales, are to meet today. It seems likely that they will vote to continue their week-long stoppage over a bonus dispute. If they do, lay-offs are certain to begin immediately among 4,500 other manual workers.

The crucial meeting is being held against the background of a strongly worded warning in a letter sent out by the BSC to proposals each of the strikers, saying that a prolonged shutdown would put the jobs of all 9,000 employees at Llanwern in jeopardy.

protests

strikers who were on picket Shipyard talks: Strikers at two

The 1,600 craftsmen whose leading shipyards, where all production has been at a standstill for the past three weeks with nearly 12,000 workers idle, are to meet today to discuss moves that could lead to settlement of their pay disputes. At the Vickers shipyards

and engineering works at Barrow in Furness, the 2,300 ancillary workers who are on strike, with the rest of the 7,000strong manual labour force laid off, will vote by ballot on pay

At the Cammell Laird yard on Merseyside, also halted by a strike of 2,300 workers from the fitting out trades with 2,000 other men laid off, union repre-The letter brought angry sentatives will meet the manage-protests yesterday from ment

emerge with a healthier trade balance at the end of the year.

pessimistic predictions, the council pointed out that while

Japanese businessmen had ad-mittedly stepped up export

drives during the year the rising

prices of oil and other imported

raw materials were seriously

eroding the country's foreign exchange earnings. While earlier and more opti-

mistic predictions were based on the fact that export earnings

shot up sharply during the first half of the current fiscal year,

the council said shipments abroad were likely to slacken

Setting out the reasons for its

Year-end Japanese trade gap of \$5,000m forecast

One of Japan's leading eco- tic hopes that Japan would nomic research institutes, the Japan Foreign Trade Council, predicted today that the country would wind up the current financial year with a deficit of \$5,000m (about £2,121m) in her trade balance. During the pre-vious fiscal year the trade defi-

According to the council's rough estimates, exports are expected to amount to \$58,000m and imports to \$63,000m by March next year. This would represent a 46.1 per cent increase in exports and a 40.2 per cent rise in imports over the

The council's predictions today undermine more optimis-

Franklin Bank

takover agreed

cated it would have no objec-

tion on anti-trust grounds to the acquisition of the Franklin National Bank of New York by

European-American Bank and Trust Company.

The bank was declared insol-

vent before it was purchased last month by the European-

American Bank and Trust Com-pany of New York, which is

jointly owned by six European banking institutions.—AP-Dow

off during the second half of the year. UK beer most heavily taxed Washington, Nov 7.—The Justice Department has indi-

Beer in Britain is more heavily taxed than in most other European countries. A survey

It finds that although the selling price of beer is lower than in any of the countries studied, the tax at 27.9 per cent of selling price is higher than anywhere except the Irish Republic. The lowest percentage tax, at 13.4, is paid in Italy.

published yesterday in the Brewers' Society's official journal examines beer taxes in eight countries.

Shipping chief predicts cheaper oil

At the yard of A. G. Weser pair of a new class of super-Bremen yesterday (Thurstankers at a fixed price of \$60m ay) Europe's largest tanker, each with one of Europe's best an the yard of A. G. Weser in Bremen yesterday (Thursday) Europe's largest tanker, the 386,000-ton loannis Colocotronis, took to the water amid perhaps more good wishes from the assembled company of international banking, shipping, and oil men than has been usual on such occasions in recent years.

The world today is a very different one from that in which the London-Greek Colocotronis Group, exercising it seemed, the shrewdness and flair that has carried it from a one ship to a 70 ship fleet in 10 years, ordered the loannis Colocoronis and a sister ship two years ago.

Tanker rates were rising so fast that Mr Hilmar Reksten, the Norwegian shipping magnate, was chartering ships at spot rates that would soon pay the

entire cost of a new supertanker

each with one of Europe's best yards.

Within the past month, in a move that sent a shudder through the industry, four giant 420,000-tonners to be built for Hilmar Reksten by Norway's Akers Group were cancelled.

Spot rates have tumbled from more than World seale 400 to

more than World scale 400 to under 100, and with an impend-ing glur of tanker tonnage for years ahead in some experts' views, yards as well as owners' are anxious to unload them-selves of orders already placed. But Mr Minos Colocotronis, 54-year-old head of the group, remains remarkably sanguine with one big reservation. The reservation is the Arabs

and Israel. Another conflagraentire cost of a new supertanker ion is possible in the next in a year.

It seemed a distinct coup by Colocotronis to book the first be surprising, Mr Colocotronis

thinks, if the Arabs did not use again the weapon they have already found so effective, and put the squeeze on Western powers by curtailing oil yet

With some kind of solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, Mr Colocotronis is optimistic about the future. "We are assessing the situation very carefully at this moment in the light of the food and energy situation, and talks between world leaders. "Oil prices must come down and the financial crisis settled and the financial crisis settled or the world—which is after all the bank whose customers the Arabs are—will go bust."
On this basis Mr Colocotronis expects world oil consumption,

which has been falling in the past year, to resume its former growth of 5-6 per cent a year, but with radically changed pat-

Michael Baily

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Controversy over stock appreciation

From Mr P. M. D. Gibbs Sir. At the risk of getting caught in the cross-fire between London and Cambridge I venture to enter the controversy about stock appreciation which was so vividly described in Peter Jay's article on November 1. The first point to emphasize is that although the accounting profit may be numerically equal to the stock appreciation (as in output period 2 in Godley and Wood's example) it cannot be

caused by stock appreciation pecause accountants do not enter stock values above cost. Higher closing stock values, re-flecting a rise in unit costs, merely offset some of the higher cost purchases which have already been charged to the profit and loss account. This point is not at issue. The debate is over whether some or all of the resulting stock appreciation should be deducted from the published profit in order arrive at the "real" pr arrive at the "real" profit which should ideally form the basis of pricing, taxation and dividend policies.

The conundrum posed by Godley and Wood can be expressed appreciation does not represent real profit how is it that the company in the above example could sell off its stocks, repay its overdrafts and end up with a surplus of £30? The answer lies in their choice of example in which the stock is entirely financed by borrowed

Profit can be regarded as the difference between the net worth of the company at the beginning and end of the period, plus any taxes and dividends paid out. In the example in question the initial net worth is £100 stock less £100 overdraft. One presumes that there was general inflation of 30 per cent during the period since we are told that the example represents the corporate sector as a whole. Thus £100 at the beginning of the period has the same pur-chasing power as £130 at the end of the period and the initial net worth can be rewritten in terms of end of period f's as £130 stock less £130 overdraft. Com-paring this with the actual closing net worth of £130 stock less £100 overdraft (subject to taxes and dividends) shows that there has indeed been a real gain of £30 but this is due to the gain on the monetary liabilities. If the company pays out the whole £30 gain in taxes and dividends it will have to borrow another £30 but this can scarcely be hailed as a "liquidity crisis" since it will merely be restoring the real level of its borrowing to the value at the beginning of

the period. The problem gets more complicated if we take the example a stage further and make the alternative assumption that, although the company's stock prices have risen by 30 per cent, there was no general inflation. There is then no gain on the monetary liabilities. If the company continues in business, it has exactly what it started with, say 100 tins of baked beans less an overdraft of £100. So looking at it as a continuing entity it can be said have made no profit and it will have to borrow an extra £30 (this time a real addition to its borrowing) if it pays out its £30 dends. But if it closes down it Perhaps I should quit the could realize £30 more from its combat area: but before doing baked beans than it started so may I express the hope that

The two possible answers during a period when there is a marked difference between the rate of cost increases experienced by the company and the general rate of inflation illustrate the different apinflation proaches to stock appreciation of the replacement cost (RC) of the replacement cost (RC) and current purchasing power (CPP) schools of inflation accounting. The RC advocates would always deduct the actual stock appreciation in arriving at real profits. The CPP school would deduct stock appreciation in accordance with calculated in accordance with the retail price index.

The conclusion is accounting is an inexact art but, as Keynes is believed to have it is better to be vaguely right than precisely wrong. With inflation running at 20 per cent pa, there is an over-whelming case for basing both taxation and pricing policy on some estimate of companies' real profits. This will involve making an adjustment for stock appreciation, either based on a general index or on the company's own rate of cost in-creases. Deducting stock ap-preciation is, however, only one of the three main plants of inflation accounting, the other ones being the increase in the depreciation charge and the gain or loss (usually a substantial gain) on the net monetary position. Making only two of these adjustments without the

third, as was done in the famous Mettett and Sykes article on the "financial doomsday machine", may show a realistic picture of corporate liquidity but gives an unduly pessimistic picture of profitability.

Yours faithfully, MARTIN GIBBS,

Phillips & Drew,

Lee House, London Wall, London EC27 5AP November 4.

From Mr F. Roy Coad Sir, Despite Mr Peter Jay's warmings, might one of the least of his craft, in the shape of a rank and file chartered accountant, venture into the combat area of the battle fleets; but only to register a little professional chagrin?

For years, Sir, the conventions of my profession have been under fire from those same battle fleets. The accounts we produced were inadequate, dangerous and misleading; or so the academic experts assured us. For years we stuck to our guns: but at length, demoralized, we struck flag and surrendered. The big brass of the profession, united in this if nothing else, strictly and solemnly ordered us to inflation under pain of dishonourable discharge.

Now, Sir. within months of that surrender, after our demoralization at the hands of Professors Merrett and Sykes and many another, here comes a prestigious study from Messrs Wynne Godley and Adrian Wood of Cambridge University—and with all the prestige of that ancient centre of learning they prove that we were night after all-and do it. moreover, by means of what is (pace Mr Jay) a piece of elementary accountancy within the capacity of a first year

Perhaps I should quit the p.a. with. So in this sense it could one minor good may come out Oak End, be regarded as having made a of this affair? That is that our Tye Green real gain of £30 from trading. professional captains may Harlow, E

recover their true unifor from the second-hand stor. put off their cook's garmer and forget the long series cookery lessons which the have been giving us in receivers (and which began, if memory serves me correct when they first instructed to show in our accounts, i the tax which had actually been suffered, but the which maght have been fered under hypotheses A. and C).
Who knows, they might a

let our balance sheets serve purpose for which nature tended them, instead of it ing them all things to all it and devise more suitable st ments for other purposes. (In passing, are not the fleets engaged on differ courses? Messrs Godley Wood have in their sights individual enterprise corporate sector treated as firm"—which has begin and end of days: the two fessors, the economy po and continuing, which, for purpose, like Melchizedek, Yours faithfully.

ROY COAD, 18 Kings Avenue, Carshalton, Surrey, SM5 4NX.

From Mr K. G. Hodgson Sir, There seems to be at one gaping hole in the Ge and Wood thesis as expou by Peter Jay on November 1 He says "if raxes remitted on stock app ation . . . the company in example would be able liquidate itself at the en the second period for more worth (to the extent of than it could at the end of first period".

Since there has been 30 cent inflation in period the net worth of the com has not increased by cent in money terms been consuming part of its assets in paying for purch wages, tax and dividends

The increase in money of stocks is just one of illusions fostered by a accounting. The money val all real assets and the a priations for need to be increased, o wise there will be no reson replacing normal wa of assets.

The real weakness of Ta is that it statisticises a dyn situation, and does so is artificial manner that con the issue. For example, has been an increase in cost of purchases, aver over the second period, c per cent but this has not offset by any change in price of sales.

One of the reasons for industrial investment in past decade is that mar have been deterred false impression about the of money given by the ta and accountants. The real cost of born

tionary period is, roughly interest money annual inflation. multiplic (1-tax rate). For examp interest is 15 per cent.

ation 10 per cent, and ta per cent, the real cost is 101 (1—0.5) equals

Tye Green Village. Harlow, Essex.

Learning from Russia in alumina outp From Mr D. L. Levi

Sir, There are probably few instances in which Russian industry is ahead technically of its western counterparts, but this appears to be the case in the production of alumina for use in aluminium smelting.

Russian practice in this key industry differs from that employed elsewhere, and has advantages which make it especially suitable for adoption in the Huster Kingdom the United Kingdom.

Whereas the mineral source for western alumina produc-tion is beuxite, the Russian in-dustry is based to a large extent on silicate minerals, especially nepheline. This seemingly minor difference in raw material preference has important economic conse-quences, which western pro-ducers have failed to appreciate.

Bauxite has long been used as a source of admining because its processing is simpler than that of silicate ores. But the latter, since they give rise to a by-product which is cheaply converted to cement, can still have a decisive economic advan-If, for example, alumina was

made in this country from available shicate ores (colliery shales), apart from lowering the cost of alumina itself, the cost of producing cement would be reduced by 20 per cent, and the fuel requirement for cement production reduced by 50 per cent.

If all alumina now used in smelting was made in this way, the annual fuel saving in cement manufacture would be one million tons of coal or coal-equivalent, and with other charges of practice the coalchanges of practice the fuel saving could reach four million tons a year; while, in addition to saving fuel and providing cheaper cement for domestic use, it would create new opportunities for the export of cement, and further benefit the balance of trade by replacing alumina imports costing 135m a year.

The traditional use of bauxine for alumina production is also open to objection as being wasteful of mineral resources. Most bauxites contain a high proportion of iron which is lost in processing, and remains as a waste product having no industrial use.

This may not have mattered

when it occurred on a small mina Scale in the nineteenth cen- linked with cement man tury, but the effective destructure and based on indige tion of an important source of minerals, should therefor iron ore is now undesirable, regarded and also unnecessary—since national both aluminium and iron can vide impose extracted from bauxite if fits as we current processing methods are

If shale is made the alumin-If shale is made the aiuminium industry's base material, this will open the way to a more productive use of bauxite itself, so benefiting both bauxite-producing countries, and also the United Kingdom, which has parantially valuable which has potentially valuable bauxite resources not used by the aluminium industry. The establishment of an alu-

cial technical difficulty is volved in the undertaking could be effected, and all ports of alumina phased Yours faithfully, D. L. LEVI,

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regarded as an esse national interest, able to

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TRAFFORD PARK **ESTATES LIMITED**

Extracts from the Accounts

and the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. N. G. Westbrook,

presented at the Annual General Meeting held in Manchester on 6th November, 1974.

Year ended 30th June Profit before Interest and Tax **£992,473** £845,12: Interest payable £450,272 £294,06 Taxation £ 65,988 £ 93,13 Retained Profits £318,252 £155,562 (1974 including £252,285 from non-distributable reserve being profit on sale of property) Earnings per share 5.48p Net dividend per share 2.77p

* The standstill on business rent increases is preventing the collection of additional rentals already agreed, amounting

Notwithstanding the changed outlook for property development, the Company has a rising rental income which provides a sound basis for the future.

Due to agreements reached with major customers the Warehousing Subsidiary should be able to increase its contribution to the group profits.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Penalties of sales growth at Boots

imponderable—the con-of Mr Healey's briefcase esday next. This has not ted some lively action in ares, which went sharply verse prior to announcef the half-year figures and on down thereafter to he day 14p off at 117p. Il though it is, the 4.8 per eduction pre-tax for the Debenhams onths to end-September

a significant break in the profits pettern; and the er cent increase in sales— er more than one third" enting real volume-from it was generated has inly provoked unfavourable risons with British Home and Mothercare. fact is that Boots has been

flat out for sales growth, both eyes directed more on the competition than effects of rising costs on margins. On the strength October sales figures fter an acceleration from 20 per cent in the rate of se between the first and i quarters of the year— oup reckons to be achievts objectives, while the throughput is now perig the group better to rising costs and to cope the margins control which nitted to have affected the half profits.
s the possible changes in

however, which pose the hreat to Boots' second-half rmance, with an estimated er cent of its retail sales " luxury "—and r margin—goods.

things being equal, how-the group is looking for pprovement in its second performance (as against first half), which should pre-tax profits for the of at least £62m (as against m). That puts the shares maximum prospective PE of just over 7, which looks e too pessimistic, although ospective yield of under 6 nothing to recommend it.
-im: 1974 (1973)
talization £208.4m s £235m (£198b) tax profits £26.4m (£27.8m)

dend gross 2.43p (2.19p)

ricing

Dutch/Shell's margins nil trading outside North
ica were 15 cents down to
d \$1 a barrel in the third
er and if stock "profit"
cluded the margin halves
And Worse cents a barrel. This, it could disappear alto-runless the October 1 hike

EC crude costs is compenis no certainty that will be granted in anything o downturn in fourth-quararnings as compared to the

there is certain to be a ding back the £52m provimade in the second quarter st nuclear losses, the three

ers of this year have all uced around £300m of net ce. But this was while price ases could be passed on relative ease. Not only controls but consumer tance to higher prices is a continuance of that tion highly unlikely in the h quarter.

rtunately North America, inting for around 26 per of third quarter net income, ins a free and buoyant marand something to fall back hough of chemicals and gas bably around £70m of third ter income—chemicals con-tion is likely to weaken. rtheless, the prospective atio cannot be much above

Barstow, chairman of forment Securities Limited, ers of the Dorchester Hotel,

earlier this year reporting flegrettable erosion of the

l's profits by increases in heads and maintenance

lese exceeded the gross

current year as well. But

the very industry that is

revenues-con-

ing this drain on the

rom the Dorchester's splenow, in Harrogate yesterday,

truction workers.

a representative of

ser to the Sir Alfred Mc-

ne group (northern), yes-ly told the Institution

Industrial Safety Officers

erence, at Harrogate, that

problem was not so great on

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c extended projects it would

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pany.

e is at hand, and it springs

earned, while a costly rbishing programme was y to affect the results of

ne immediate future the price firmness indicates that the order of £700,000 for the third price is already discounting a further squeeze on European margins. The yield is 7.3 per

Third quarter: 1974 (1973) Capitalization* £867m Sales, £3,571m (£1,765m) Net income £304m (£167m)
* "Shell " T & T.

Mixed views for 1975

Debenhams' comparatively firm share price during the past week or so was due to market bints of a strong recovery in trading profits next year. How-ever, yesterday brought matters into perspective. Interim profits slumping from £5.2m to a mere £112,000, and this after some £592,000 of property

Faced with net borrowings in February of £58m and a slug-gish retail scene, a substantial price-cutting programme was instituted at a cost to profits of £2m. This has now been confined to slow-moving and highmargin lines, but only after many of the department stores had run at a loss for much of the period to mid-August. The Caters supermarket group ran at a loss with the accountancy/ computer troubles still not ironed out

Borrowings are still around £45m after allowing for the £6m sale-and-lease back of the Welbeck Street site with the possibility of a reduction to £35m by the year end-if further property sales are transacted. Against this, stock turn and costs have substantially imthe store refurbishment pro-gramme are coming through.

The most significant factor, perhaps, is that the interim divi-dend is held. This may have favourable implications for the full year, and infers similar second-half profits to last year and thus profits of £6m-£7m (£10.8m). At 31p, down 4p, the shares with a possible yield of 19½ per cent, are not taking an enthusiastic view of recovery chances. Perhaps that makes them one of the better gambles in the retail sector? Interim 1974-75 (1973-74) Capitalization £24.7m Sales £117m (£107m)

Pre-tax profits £0.11m (£5.20m) Dividend gross 2.12p (2.12p)

profits. The three-day week

Hoover's list, is obviously irre-

levant to the third quarter, which leaves a seemingly huge

pressure on profit margins as

optimistic.

to come? There must be few things cap-

group expects to book drunk stockmarket, but Hoover managed it yesterday. A £4m dive in pre-tax profits for the third quarter was accompanied by the scratching of heads and the scraping of slide rules throughout the City's research units where earlier estimates shown to be widely over-

Hoover placed industrial disruption at the bottom of its list of culprits. Plant shutdowns at Cambuslang, Lanarkshire, and Merthyr, South Wales, only affected the final month of the third quarter, not long enough to inflict more than an estimated £500,000 loss to surer assessment. which stars at the top of

Interim: 1974 (1973) Capitalization £2.2m Sales £10.67m (£7.36m) Pre-tax profits £501.000 (£314,000)

the main culprit.
The extent of the profits col-Dividend gross 1.79p (1.6p) lapse in the United Kingdom is alarming. Stripping out Hoover Head Wrightson Interim: 1974-75 (1973-74) Capitalization £2m Sales £23.7m (£18.7m) NV and other overseas profits and allowing for around £600,000 in interest receipts indicates a domestic loss of the Dividend gross nil (1p)

It is difficult to work up much enthusiasm for the final quarter. Management seems determined to sit the strike out and cost pressures showing few signs of

Against this confusing background most analysts are pitching for £8m or so for the year, for a p/e ratio of around 6. That looks as though it should be vulnerable, but the shares shed only a modest 5p to 120p yesterday, suggesting few nervous sellers and some more optimis-

Third quarter 1974 (1973) Capitalization £28.8m Sales £32.9m (£29.1m) Pre-tax profits £1.55m (£5.4m)

Capital good Different stories

Process and storage plant makers can earn lots of moneyif big contracts are costed pro-perly and labour trouble avoided. Whessoe, Capper-Neill, and Head Wrighson have learnt this the hard way.

Capper took a profits tumble in 1972-73 and allowed Whessoe to barge in with an unsuccessful 47p a share paper bid. Whessoe gave up in June 1973 after the went to thhe Monopolies Commission and then saw its profits collapse. But Capper roared ahead and yesterday came news of a 60 per cent rise in first half profits and a 45 per cent jump in turnover.

Up went the interim dividend and for the year (to next March) Capper expects profits to be a lot higher than the £807,000 made last time. They could be

more than £1}m.

Capper Pipe Service is solid with work until next March at least, and Capper-Neill International is full-up for nearly two years. No signs of order book softening have been seen; the contracts are now provided with escalator clauses; and business is well spread over oil platforms, oil storage tanks, and plant for the chemical, motor, gas and other industries.

The shares rose from 15 p to 22p in the 10 days before the latest news. The yield is a prospective 16.4 per cent and the p/e ratio only 3. By contrast, Head Wrightson

found inflation and quirks in suppliese of raw materials too much for it in the first half and made net losses of £820,000 against small profits last time. The group did manage a trading profit of 4748,000 but interest charges and exceptional pro-visions of £1.85m, more than half against the ironfoundry, swallowed it up.

£80m of orders in the next year to next January. It is also making provisions against a con-tract in Argentina; three other overseas contracts that went sour, and the development costs so far of venturing into North

Sea oil equipment.
The gleam of hope is the expectation that second trading profits will be better than the first half's, but this could still leave it with big after-tax losses. The shares shed 8p to 15p after 39p earlier this year and 774p last year. Their worth now is problematic and we must await the balance sheet for a

Pre-tax loss £1.4m (£431,000 pft)

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Industry's pressing case for an easing of price controls

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One of the most fundamental 11 or 2 per cent if controls were and least disputed principles in completely abandoned. and least disputed principles in economics is that you cannot give someone goods which no one else has. However, the principle has been misunderstood for centuries, particularly by governments which believe that it is possible to make people better off by keeping prices

as well. The trouble, of course, is that relaxing price controls, even if it encourages productivity, has effects on the distribution of income which are conventionally believed to be politically awkward.

down while pursuing policies which keep output levels down

In present circumstances this objection is particularly compelling because abolition of price controls would probably raise retail prices and the Government must have some notion of the level of price increases which is compatible with the social contract.

Nevertheless, pressure has grown for some allevation of the strains caused by price controls. Even the TUC, in its Budget representations, acknowledged the case for some relief There are two main argu-

ments for a relaxation of price controls. The first is that it would indeed provide some assistance for the corporate sector, which is facing severe liquidity and profitability difficulties. The scale of the potential help

plainly depends on the nature of eroded profit margins in any the June-August, 1974, period deduction, the subject of the changes proposed by the case. was that on inspections to endost bitter, prolonged and determined criticism of British Industry has said that difficult to handle. Most transtratil prices would rise by only actions in any economy are out 300 inspections of category prevents companies from pass-

Other estimates are higher. Phillips and Drew, the stockbrokers, have calculated that

the progressive removal of the productivity deduction would result in a 3 per cent increase. The implications for profitasked a price above that warability and liquidity are also problematical. The CBI has put forward a figure of £1,500m as the bonus to company profits from a full abolition of price controls. The effects on liquidity are different-because companies would spend more if their profits were higher-but this would probably imply a reduction in the financial deficit

The Government must have made similar calculations, not only because the sums have im plications for the future level of prices, but also because of their importance to stabilization policy. If the corporate sector's liquidity is bolstered by a re-laxation of price controls there will be less need to use Fiscal methods for the same end.

in excess of £1,000m.

There is much room for argument over the precise order of magnitude. The two main difficulties are to distinguish the effect of price controls from the effect of demand conditions and to make some allowance for evasion.

One of the reasons for the CBP's fairly low estimate of the impact on retail prices is its belief that industry is facing shrinking markets and that intense compenition would have

the company sector and indivi-duals. But relations between companies depend on a certain amount of goodwill, because this helps continuity of supply, and it is unlikely that one company would complain to the Price Commission if a regular supplier

ranted by the legislation. The second main argument for a relaxation is that price controls have resulted in supply shortages and market distortions. By causing unnecessary bottlenecks at various points in the economy these have had unfavourable effects on productivity.

In the nature of the case. evidence for these assertions is hard to come by. Companies do not publicize their inability to meet customer requirements, especially when it reflects a conscious decision not to produce certain items because they are insufficiently profitable.

Equally it is difficult to attribute supply shortages entirely.

to price controls. Other factors, such as shortages of commodities, reflect worldwide conditions outside the Government's control, while ordinary supply problems caused by labour dis-putes have been unusually serious in 1974.

Furthermore, the temptation to break the code when a supply shortage is pressing is clearly difficult to resist. One of the more remarkable, but little mentioned sections in the Price Commission's sixth report for

three companies to see if they ing on in prices all of the in-were abiding by the Price Code's crease in costs caused by higher provisious. About a quarter of the enter-

prises inspected were exceeding their reference levels. Evasion among small com-

panies must be extensive. In relation to the overall economy, savings of film are, of course, miniscule. But there is another point If small companies are breaking the code at will, supply shortages arising from the rigorous application of the controls to large companies are probably also being removed fairly easily.

This is not to say that the Price Code is not causing distortions. The transfer of business from large to small firms is itself a distortion. But it can be said that no firm or reliable evidence is available of the scale or character of the distortions and it is, therefore, unlikely that changes in Phase Four will be even in part adjusted for their supposed

impact.
The Government's real worry quite different. The low levels of profitability and much im-paired liquidity which have at least in part been caused by price controls seem likely to threaten investment in 1975.

Some compensating incentives to investment are needed to restore capital spending to what are deemed to be adequate The two main changes ex-

pected are designed to meet this problem. The first is the relaxation of the productivity

wages. The reasoning behind it is that companies would normally accomplish some productivity advance and that, therefore, it would be unduly generous to allow companies to raise prices by 10 per cent if

wages rose by 10 per cent. This is all right if productivity is rising quickly, as in the boom year of 1973. But it is extremely harsh in the recession conditions of 1974 when productivity is stagnant or, in some indus-

tries, even declining. The second big change will probably be the inclusion of special provisions for com-panies which are increasing their investment.

The CBI is thought to favour the inclusion of a fraction of investment expenditure in allowable costs. This avoids the problem of definition which always arises when new investment has to be separated from old investment or the rates of return on one factory bave to be compared with the rates of return on another.

The Government may or may not agree. But, if it were to approve the CBI idea, a further infringement of industry's infringement of industry's freedom would have taken

If investment decisions, as well as pricing decisions, are being scrutinized by an official authority, still less scope remains for the individual manager to make up his own

Special investment incentives like this would also discriminate against low growth, low investment industries.

Tim Congdon

Bidding for a change of attitude on meat marketing

Ever since control of FMC, now Britain's largest fresh meat wholeszler, first passed from the members of The NFU Development Trust, when shares were offered to the public to facilitate the bid for sausage and pie manufacturers Marsh and Baxter in 1962, there has been precious little love lost between the personalities on either side.

The FMC board, while always prepared to make verbal acknowledgement of the difficulties besetting the livestock producers—particularly in ex-tenuation of the group's own somewhat erratic profit record —has acted entirely according to its immediate commercial

The NFU Development Trust, publicly disclaiming any wish to interfere with the direction or management of FMC, has privately been working for an expansion of the group's horizons. Its success has been negligible; and the consequence, iron hand within the velvet glove: with 40.9 per cent of the equity already within its control, the Development Trust is bidding for the rest at 65p per share.

The bid took the FMC board entirely by surprise, although the Development Trust has been backing up its verbal persuasion, particularly since the spring of this year, with small-scale but very persistent share purchases. the bid should be so crim pletely unexpected is a reilection of the gulf between the minds on either side.

To the executives at FMC. attuned to the requirements of what is universally acknow-ledged to be a fiercely competitive business, the objects of the Development Trust—the development of "policies to improve marketing and guide production in the livestock industry "-are woolly to the point of being totally impractical.

This is a view which is en-tirely shared by the group's competitors, who reckon that the bid, if successful, would almost

changes which it proposes to make at FMC will do nothing whatsoever to ease the plight of livestock producers in the short-term. For that they must rely upon government support or

If the bid is successful, farmers are unlikely to see much benefit within the next five vears-and even then it will be negligible in cash terms, partly because the middleman's mar-gins in this industry are too small for either side to benefit significantly from their elimin ation, and partly because FMC's estimated 14 per cent share of the United Kingdom-market for fresh beef, and 12 per cent for lamb, leaves it in no position to pay over the odds for its purchases without running into large commercial problems. It appears that the Develop-

its objectives by persuasion had received a boost on the resignation of Sir John Stratton from the chairmanship last year. But his successor, Anson Payne, although at first sight a neutral appointee as the former civil servant who helped to introduce the pig stabilization scheme, has proved to be no more amenable to the Development Trust's argu-Attempts to tackle the prob-

lem through the replacement, over a period, of board members by NFU appointees, would have involved the abandonment of several executives whose expertise the Development Trust values highly. So it has in fact taken the only step available to bring the impasse to an end.

This being the case the price which it has offered looks too low. Even on purely commercial grounds a bid capitalizing FMC at £6.5m, as against last year's pre-tax profits of £3.2m, is not ever-generous, although FMC's profits trend is, as the board has previously admitted, liable to sudden and dramatic change.

inevitably be followed by the however, says that it not introduction of longer-term concommercial elimination of yet only could but would run tracts will smooth out the worst another major meat wholesaler. FMC on a commercial footing, The Development Trust making sufficient profit to seraccepts, however, that the vice the borrowings necessary on the beneficial effects of the acquisition and to to fund the acquisition and to an attemput to introduce provide finance for future expansion. But this is incidental to the principal object of the bid, which is to provide the Development Trust with

opportunity to implement its own ideas on the future of the United Kingdom livestock in-At the moment the vast majority of cattle and sheep in this country are produced on an ad hoc basis, and are sent for slaughter when the state of the market or the farmer's own cash flow position dictates a sale. The Development Trust wants to extend to this section of the livestock industry the system of production and sale

according to long-term contracts which is already widespread amongst pig producers.
Pigs lend themselves a good
deal more readily to standardization by weight and qualityin effect to factory farming—seen in the context of its reluct-than do cattle and sheep. The ance to commit itself to anything Development Trust, however, more than reasonable optimism Development Trust, however, more than reasonable optimism reckons that over a period of about prospects beyond the years it will be possible to iron current year—during the years it will be possible to iron current year—during the out the problems and that the remainder of which it expects

longer term contracts the board of FMC will pass little comment. But other wholesalers regard the idea with profound cynicism, expecting—on the strength of past experiencedishonoured contracts when the price is not fixed, and bankruptcies when it is. There have, however, been one or two innowever, been one or two instances of successful contract purchasing by wholesalers—for example, by the farmers' cooperative. North Devon Meat—and the NFU Development Trust claims that it is only the "ultraconservarive" character of the trade which prevents the system

from spreading.

The arguments of the FMC board, that the group has successfully weathered extremely difficult conditions in the home

"satisfactory" trading condi-

On the other hand, the forecast increase in the dividend from just over 13 to 30 per cent gross is backed up by good historic cover and a balance sheet which shows no undue strain on liquidity. And while the prospective yield of 12.9 per cent, at the bid price, is not exciting enough to prevent a reduction in the shares should the bid be withdrawn, there is little im-mediate likelihood of their declining to the level at which they were before the bid was launched. Moreover, there is some

justice in the group's appeal to its asset backing, although it is paradoxically, an appeal which could only be fully substanti-ated in a break-up situation. Shareholders can reasonably exact a price for the benefits. other than the purely commercial ones, which The NFU Development Trust expects to decide from full control_of FMC.

bid is next Wednesday; but no one is expecting that the saga will have been brought to an

Adrienne Gleeson

TOTAL Compagnie Française des Pétroles

INTERIM REPORT The unaudited group results for the six months to 30th June are as follows:-Six months Six months

	SIX IIIOIII IS	OIX IIIQIIIa
(in millions of francs)	to June 1973	to June 1974
Net turnover	7,999.4	19,540.7
Less: cost of crude, products sold and services	5,727.2	10,985.4
Group operating profit	2,272.2	8,555.3
Add : financial income	104.5	240.9
Less: financial charges	215.2	371.8
Less: amortization and provisions profits and losses		
(exceptional and/or relating to previous years)	27.0	110.7
Income before taxes	1,606.7	7,125.9
Less: taxes paid to various governments and share of the French State in excess profit	1,285.7	5,909.9
Income after taxes	321.0	1,216.0
Less : minority interests	31.8	257.0
Net income—CFP share	289.2	959.0
Cash flow		
Net income	321.0	1,216.0
Amortization and provisions.	581.8	1,409.2
	902.8	2,625.2

tere are three McAlpines on board of Development irities, all of them perhaps to frame these plans. They Sir Robert, chairman of the hester, Sir Robin, chairman Sir Robert McAlpine and and Malcolm Hugh, also a

a representative of her McAlpine company was workers exist on sandwiches, tea ng about the damage some ling workers do to themes by their sloppy eating ts-and came up with an that any big hotel with - :: r-used kitchens might care onsider : packed meals for Medical examinations had

adequate clothing and poor food turned healthy young men into old men at 50. " unless some radical measures are taken more than 1,000 men

Packed meals from the Dor-



Bryan Toye, chairman of Toye & Company, military regalia makers since 1685, who now becomes chairman of E. Dent & Company, official chronometer makers to Queen Victoria and the builders of Big Ben—the bigger Ben on the left, that is. The smaller big Ben is a three-foot scale model made by Jack Inglis of Wimbledon.

and beer every day instead of a balanced diet. When men work outside in bad weather and do not eat properly they become much more susceptible

anald Evans, chief safety revealed that cold weather, in-

will have been killed in the construction industry by the time this conference is held in

chester is one way of attracting paign to force the Japanese to those building workers that are so hard to come by in boom

There is also a second lot of gravy. If what Evans says about workers' health is true, and if reports about some workers' earnings is also true, then the Dorchester or any other wideawake hotel could offer some beds to a private health scheme
Evens gave a warning that to get the lads back up the

marketing director of

Sales drive

Graves was one of the motor industry's first executives to draw attention to the difficul-nes of selling cars there. More than two years ago he cam-paigned for the then Departwhether the shipbuilders have

more steam into Jensen sales

ment of Trade and Industry to investigate the many hidden obstacles facing European cars. He got a sympathetic hearing at that time from the department and little else. Graves told Business Diary

that he was delighted by the recent Turin Motor Show speech of Sir Raymond Brookes, president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. Sir Raymond, who is also chairman of Guest Keen & Nettlefolds, criticized the onesided attitude which enabled the Japanese to sell large numbers of cars overseas while protecting their home market with "fine print" restrictions. Graves hopes the SMMT will consult all member companies and mount a cam-

Shipyard line

open up their market.

Entertainer Roy Castle won a big laugh during his cabaret act at the biennial dinner of the Shipbuilders' and Repairers' National Association in London Pumping up a set of bagpipes, Castle observed that the air therein should now be enough

to last Tony Benn for a fortjoke apart, the official Dick Graves, the former Rolls- SRNA line is that the industry will seek to make public owner-ship work, and delegates due to

Jensen Motors, is trying to put meet Benn next week are approaching this confrontation with surprising equanimity. The dinner, for example, is usually an informal affair, and

> either heard or made enough speeches in months past or are saving themselves for efforts to come, there was little speechifying on this occasion. This is traditionally the event to mark the swansong of the retiring SRNA president, in this rase Tom McIver, chairman of

> Swan Hunter Group (£13.6m in grams since 1965), who was handing over to Ross Belch, managing director of Scott Lithgow (£9.4m in loans and grænts). McIver accordingly confined himself to a few words of welcome to the guest of honour, Lord Beswick, Minister of State

> for Industry, who was recipro-catingly brief in reply. Benn, the architect of the shipbuilders' and repairers' future, was not present, and although there were no speeches in which he and his works might figure, both were staples

of the table talk.

So was the question of who was to be the chairman (ship-men do not like the word chief executive) of Benn's pro-posed National Shipbuilding Corporation, the choice of whom is vital to the venture's success Among the names that have so far cropped up are those of

Danny McGarvey, the Boiler ments or increasing dividend distribution. makers' Society leader, and of Graham Day, the Canadian brought in to rescue Cammell Laird from sinking. But that particular launching is some

interests).

ments of product retail prices made after the first half of 1974 crude oil price increases reflected Crude oil volume put at the Group's disposal for the exceptional increases in cash flow and income. However, not taking into account an estimated 1.450 million francs increase, cash flow would be owered to 1,175.2 million francs. Similarly, not considering an estimated 960 million francs increase, net income would be lowered to

On the other hand, the increase in inventory value between the 31.12.1973 and the 30.6.1974 can be estimated, on a constant volume basis, at 2,750 million francs. Therefore, reconstituting inventories at new price level, which is mandatory for both operating and legal reasons, has not only absorbed aggregate exceptional profits made on inventories, but also forces the Group to resort to credit. Actually, these profits did not make up amounts available for financing operating invest-

256 million francs, including 339 million francs

(CFP's share) and-83 million francs (minority

weighted average cost price basis and the adjust-

These results reflect the inadequate level of authorized product retail prices as compared to actual worsened when OPEC decided, during its last half of 1974 consolidated results.

The evaluation of the Group's inventories on a meeting in Vienna, to further increase crude oil Crude Oil Resources

> first half of the year amounted to 40.9 million metric tons, compared to 38.2 million metric tons for the 1973 corresponding period. The net turnover for the first half of 1974 reached 19,540.7 million francs (10,336.8 in France and 9.203.9 abroad) compared to 7,999.4 million francs

for the same period in 1973, (a 144% increase). This progression is due mainly to substantial increases in crude oil price rates which occurred since October 1973. Compensation in Respect of Nationalisation Compensation received or to be received in respect of nationalisation or participation agreements implemented in the Middle East producing States

were kept in clearing accounts and are not reflected in the results of the first half of 1974. Exchange Fluctuation The conversion into francs of foreign currency items in CFP's and its affiliates' accounts was made

uniformly on the basis of 30 June rates. Consequently, a positive book exchange difference costs. It should be noted that this gap was of about 37 million francs was entered in the first

Creation of more abundant wealth only way to raise living standards

There is no problem facing this country today that cannot be solved by sound policies and firm leadership. Sound leader- Chairman of V ship in politics, in the trade unions and in the business

We are spending more than we are earning; we are living beyond our means, and if we continue to do so we shall finish up like every profligate—in the bankrupicy courts. But as nations cannot go bankrupt by the very nature of their existence, instead of bankruptcy you have inflation with currency be-coming virtually valueless, and then a situation which can only be corrected by the most vicious and painful cures.

is for the leaders in busi-cess, in the trade unions and in politics to make clear that the solution to our problems lies entirely in our own bands. If we go down it will be our own fault. We shall have asked for it. But

there is no need to go down.
This country, again I repeat, given the right policies and sound leadership, could be within a few years the most pros-perous country in Western

course, we will have hiccups in the economy, but over the next 100 years the line of demand will move steadily up. The nations that will go down and fail are the nations that

Chairman of Vickers

think that they can live without earning. The nations that will fail will be those whose citizens think that the government of the day has a bottomless purse from which they can provide goodies for all for ever, without the purse being filled.

We are psychological sufferers from our industrial past. The words "wealth" and "profits" ring in the ears of so many people as an obscenity. Some people do not seem to recognize that it is the creation of wealth that enables people to be prosperous and that it is the creation of wealth that enables is called "social justice" to pro-vide for those who are not able to provide for themselves. The only way out of the prob-

lems that we now face is the creation of an even greater pay the higher commodity prices and permit at the same time an increasing standard of

It follows, as surely as the night follows day, that any inter-ruption to the creation of wealth is the most damaging and disas-trous thing that can happen to

Every single strike that takes place makes the economic plight of the country worse. Strikes are self-inflicted wounds from which the nation will slowly bleed to

It seems inconceivable that this nation, that led the world for over 100 years, should today be crawling around making excuses for the situation in which we find ourselves, instead of facing the facts that we are not producing to time, or to standards, because of our very bad industrial relations. Walking tall will not give any ody in this nation backach but failure to perform is going to give a lot of people heart-ache.

Leadership consists of telling the truth however unpleasant and brutal it may be. Leadership consists of identifying the problems and expressing them with simplicity and clarity.

Leadership consists of pro-ducing solutions to the problems and, whatever may be the diffi-culties facing, the carrying out

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vesterday's conference.

away from those that have it, and give it away to those who haven't that this is a permanent solution to our problems.

Leadership means standing up the bully boys whether they e in management, trade union, politics or anywhere else. Leadership demands men of honesty, integrity and who are fearless and courageous.

Leadership does not consist of the mean compromise of so many words that contain double

Leadership, above all, consists of telling the truth, unpalatable though it may be. It is better to go down with the truth on one's lips, than to rise high by innuendo and double talk.

Nation must aim at a higher growth rate and better industrial relations

Trade unionists, like other people, look at what is happening abroad. What they see appals them—living standards rising much more rapidly there then in this country. than in this country.

The basic decision which as nation we have got to make whether we want faster economic expansion and higher living standards, or whether we prefer a relatively quiet exist-

My view—and it is the view of most of the people that I represent—is that our rate of expansion is and has, for too long, been far too low, and that we should collectively address ourselves to improving it sub-

The possession of material goods—and particularly durable consumer goods—is a blessing, not a social curse. They open up to people—the motor car is a particular case in point—is a particular case in point—a whole range of new experia whole range of new experiences, a whole spectrum of choice I have little patience with those middle-class intellec-tuals who, while themselves enjoying the possession of these enjoying the possession of these goods, preach alarmist; sermons on the deterioration of the physical and chlural environment which they claim will inevitably result from the proliferation of motor cars, transfers. semi-detached

Mr Len Murray

General Secretary of the TUC

ing that we can ignore our physical or cultural environ-The fact is that working-class people want better living stan-

dards. They aspire in particular to the ownership of consumer durables, are acquiring them and intend to go on acquiring more. Many of them are in fact frustrated in their ambitions by the incapacity of the British

You may raise your hands in horror and talk about inflation, but the moral of that is that and particularly you have got to stop concentrating on the equation and address ourand particularly yourselves—to increasing the available goods. That means creating more productive capacity and using it more effectively, and it means using manpower more effectively.

The main key to high investment itself is steady growth and an assurance of demand. But if investment is to have are not to waste resources, it is

I am not for the moment say- plain common sense for companies to know, in broad terms, what others suppliers and cus-tomers—are doing. This I take to be one of the main purposes

of the proposed planning agree-It is obviously desirable in my view that union representatives should be involved in investment decisions, not only so that they can offer advice based on their own experience but, perhaps more importantly, so that they can more effectively win the agreement of those they represent to consequential changes that may be neces-

arrangements. It is quite wrong to think of British workers as being unwill-ing to change, static, immobile. The record shows that this is

in, for example, manning

Change itself is bound to be disturbing, is bound to bring arguments. It is hardly a matter for surprise that employees should not always see eye to eye with employers when it comes to deciding who gets what proportion of the product.

There are two sides to industry, with different interests, and it does not help to try to camou-

some of the speeches at the nesterday. The speakers in-cluded Sir Derek Pritchard, president of the institute; Lord Robens, chairman of Vickers; Mr Len Murray, general secre-tary of the TUC; M Michel Jobert, the former French For-eign Minister; Mrs Margarc Thatcher, shadow Environment Secretary; Mr Alistair Cooke the author, journalist and broad caster; and Sir Richard Powell the institute's director general.

flage that fact. I am not for a moment saying that there are no areas in which we cannot and common agreement. Of course there are notably in in-creasing productivity and profitability—but when it comes to sharing out the results then interests do differ.

In practice the overwhelming majority of those arguments are settled peacefully: strikes are very much the exception, not the rule. It is plain common sense from everybody's point

of view to reduce days lost from industrial disputes. Part of the solution lies in establishing more sensible procedures in industry. So the primary aim must always be to prevent arguments from escalating into disputes.

We want to see major decisions made by mutual agreement instead of managements trying to impose them on people who, because they heing imposed

State control no cure for our economic ills

Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

Shadow Environment Secretary

We face demands for the restructuring of industry", a brase we have heard many phrase we have heard many times during the recent debates in Parliament. The present dif-ficulties in which many com-panies find themselves are un-doubtedly being used by leftwing groups to justify a further measure of state control.

Little attempt is made to malyse either the cause of the problems or to consider the administrative difficulties at the government end if ever-increas-ing duties and decisions are formally placed on ministers.

First, in a period of rising raw material costs, rising wages and salaries, and rising over-heads, companies under the pre-sent price code have not been able to recover enough in prices to finance their requirements.

Borrowing is not the answer, especially if the profits are in-adequate to finance it at today's high interest rates. It is no good having the kind of price code which runs hitherto flourishing businesses into cashflow problems.

Second, our system accounting was devised times when the value of money was relatively stable. When raw material costs are rising, the stock used up in production is not taken into account in calculating profits for tax purposes. ing tax on stock appreciation, tax which it sometimes cannot

the historic cost of machinery.

Last year industry paid
£2,245m in corporation tax. This year the estimate is £3.265m. There have been various com-ments ir Parliament that industry is asking for money. The reality is that if the Government had no, taken so much out, it would not need to put so much

The fact is that we owe in large measure the increase in both individual and collective prosperity since the war to the private enterprise system. And yet, it has come unde constant political attack. political opponents, whether they are in government or oppotheir beliefs about the economy and the case for more state control, while we have too often assumed the case for private

The economic wellbeing and standard of living of the country depend largely on the perform few years, with or without legis, lation, companies will do everything possible to ensure that employees at every level feel themselves a part of the com-

enterprise instead of arguing it.

pany, and identify themselves with it success. Some companies have already made excellent progress in this direction, not because they have been pushed by politicians but because it is good for the company, it people, and therefore

Productivity and the will to work can beat inflation

Sir Derek

Pritchard

President of the Institute

What Britain needs most of all now is for government. an now is for government, management and the unions to hammer out a policy that would build a new Britain based on the one thing that can really beat inflation—not by increased taxation, not by decreased profits, not by decreased wages, but by increased productivity.

It is productivity, the will to work, and to take the respon-sibility for what one does, that can bear inflation quicker than anything else.

I now come to my message to the Chancellor. How can we obtain the productivity we need to beat inflation? One of the major causes of Britain's apathy about our financial and econo-mic situation, with the tector mic situation—virtually bottom of the European league in terms of productivity—is lack of incentive.

This is the only way industry can have the cash to plough back into investment in the

company for the future benefit

company for the future benefit of the country, its workers and its shareholders.

Any worker, be he director, white or blue collar, must be enabled to retain a sufficient proportion of his earnings to make it worthwhile to work overtime; to worry; to carry the responsibility.

Productivity is the key to the beating of inflation and incentive—cash incentive for everyone—is the key to productivity.

We need common sense not slogans; sensible profits not more loans, due reward for responsibility and doing a good job and, above all, a sense of realism that inflation is the common enemy of every one of us and we can only beat it if we: stand shoulder to shoulder together.

Three: Freedom is not only political. It is also, and essentially, economic. It rests now, it always has and it always will, on the private ownership of property and business throughout

Five simple truths for the men in Whitehall

Sir Richard Powell

Director-General of the Institute

I think I am perhaps entitled to give those in Whitehall who make the rules my own list of Britain's prosperity as an industrial nation. And who can deny these five simple truths? One: Let the man half-way up the ladder of success press his way upward unweighted by exorbitant tax demands. And ler the man already at the top hang on to a bit more of what he earns. Let it be realized that a too fierce rate of taxation is

counter-productive-no man will work to his utmost unless he is offered some sort of a carrot. Two: And it's an old saw—no one, not even the Russians, has yet succeeded in making the poor rich by making the rich poor. The socialists seem to for

perty and business throughout the world.

Four: The concept of free en-terprise has changed with a changing world. Today, free en-terprise means business that is abreast of the new management abreast of the new management techniques; that is awake to the discoveries of science; that rewards talent and inventiveness and brains, regardless of background and social standing; and is deeply aware of its duty to the community as well as to its shareholders and its employees.

And fifth: That where there's fair and free enterprise, there's fair and honest competition — competi-

tion that keeps quality up and prices down unlike a good many of our nationalized con-cerns their losses a burden to cerns their losses a burden to us all, where the quality of the services they offer seems to go poor. The socialists seem to for down and down, and the prices get that you've got to create they charge us for them seem to wealth before you can distribute go up and up with almost equal it and the only way to create rapidity.

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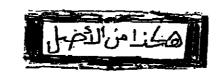
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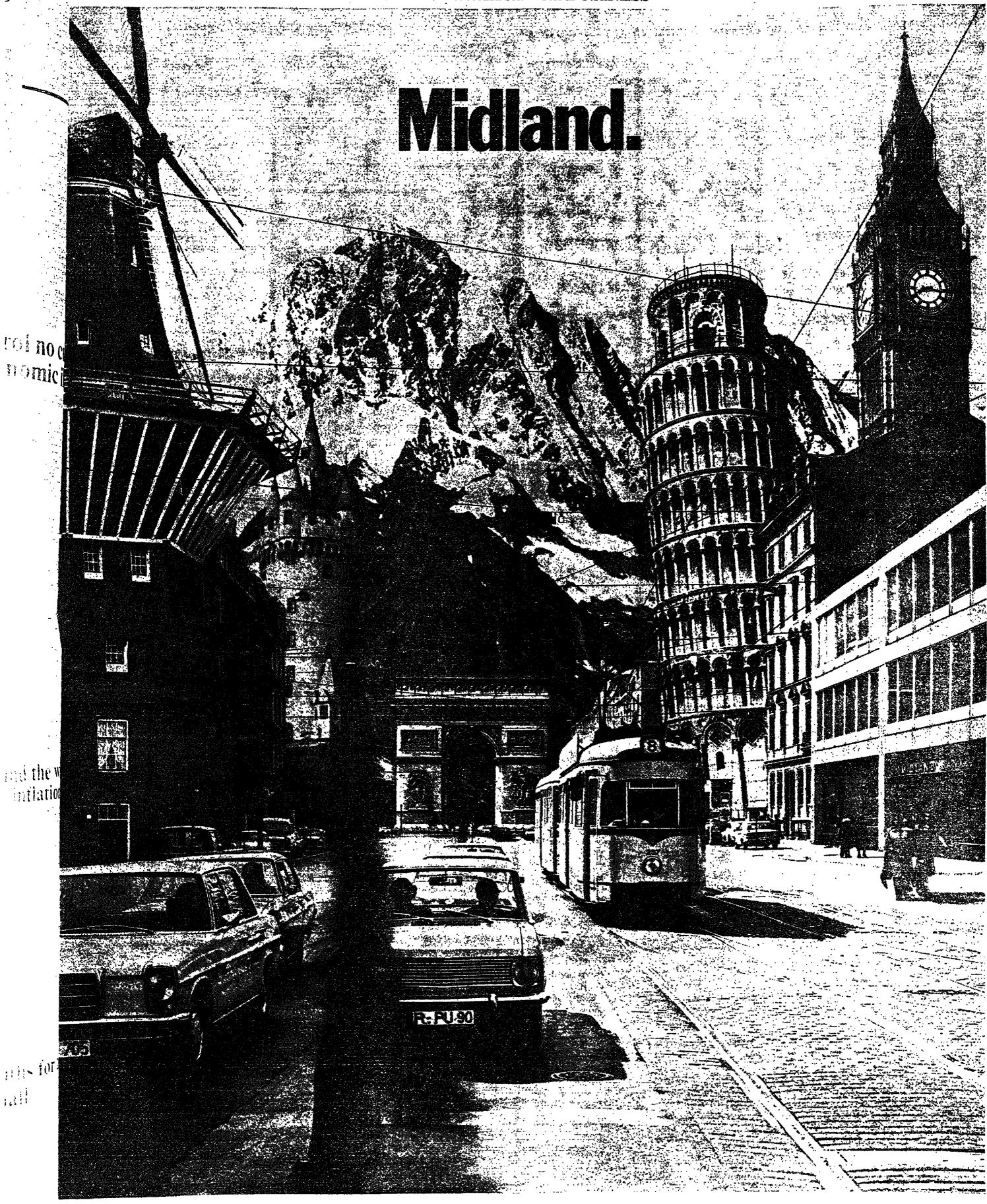
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FINANCIAL NEWS

Wolseley-Hughes slide from crest as snags persist to the end

By Ashley Druker
The spread of factors harassing Wolseley-Hughes at midway, when profits went into reverse from £2.23m to £1.7m, appear to have held the upper

The final outcome is a drop from £4.32m to £3.28m pre-tax.

Turnover, however, held up with an increase from £48.42m to £56.3m for the 12 months to July 31. The shares were un-changed at 45p yesterday.

In the latter part of the preceding year (when profits were hoisted 57 per cent) it was evi-dent that the rate of advance was beginning to slacken. Troubles with supply of materials, coupled with the energy

set to fight

takeover of

repair yard

In giving an unaudited esti-mate that profits last term rose from £926,000 to £1.15m pre-tax.

Mr Christopher Bailey, chair-man of C. H. Bailey, said the company would "fight all the way" government plans to nationalize Bristol Channel Shu

Repairers. But it was pointed out that less than 50 per cent of

profits came from that company.

could nationalization improve efficiency or competitiveness; in

fact the reverse was almost cer-

tainly the case. Such a move

would jenpardize the jobs of all

employed in the South Wales

ship repairing industry and it

was hoped the Government

would realize it was in the

country's best interests to leave

this small, highly successful and

Commenting on the overall

continued the upward trend of

stringent management controls.

annual statement that inflation will continue to have an effect

Chairman views future with confidence as financial position is strong and growth plans are sound. Profits are ahead.

Inland Revenue

Inland Revenue has signed a deal with the Post Office which

will ensure rapid delivery of

mail between its central postal

centre at Kew, London, and

The service, introduced in 1970 primarily for computer in

dustry clients, now serves more

than 1,700 customers, including

hanks, building societies, local government and multiple stores.

Rand Selection is paving a final dividend of 40c a share

compared with the forecast of

371c made at the time of the

merger with Schlesinger Insurance and Institutional Holdings.

Pretax profits of the South African finance group increased

Another Anglo American Corporation associate, Zambia Copper Investments has declared a dividend of 4c (US) on its income from holdings in the

from R26.5m to R42.4m.

Zambian copper industry.

Rand Selection

final dividend

HERRBURGER BROOKS

joins speedy

mail service

of £1.2m before tax.

SLIMMA GROUP

Mr R. Atkinson says in his

competitive yard alone.

Chairmen report

at Parker

Timber

the last six years.

Mr Bailey said that in no way

crisis—causing costs to rise faster than selling prices—resulted in a midway decline.

The preceding year, of course, was exceptional in that not only was there a high level of activity in new housing and home improvement, but also an inflow to the group of the pre-VAT spending spree, apart from ele-ment of buying on fears of

Inflationary cost increases.
In the year just past trading profit slipped from £4.6m to £4.02m, but sharply higher interest—up from £293,000 to higher £772,000—further depressed the

Pre-tax level.

After extraordinary items, a credit of £60,000 (against a debit of £44,000), the "net"

while earnings a share were flattened to 14.36p, compared with 23.21p. The dividend however rises from 5.77p to 6.05p.
As for coping with the challenges in the year ahead, "ex-cellent" relations exist with the company's bankers, with credit facilities available for continued development in the future. Nevertheless, capital expendi

ture is being carefully scrutin-ized, and efforts continue to stimulate the group's export potential. In 1972-73 some 21 per cent of manufactured pro-

ducts were exported.

A surplus of £2.92m from a property revaluation has been credited to the reserves.

C. H. Bailey | United City Merchants climb to peak £1.8m

Faced with the difficult gen-eral economic situation and incontinued its growth last term even though as usual the second half was considerably slower. The return was a record £1.82m net pre-tax, a growth of 30 per

cent. There are no liquidity problems, the company says.

Profit was achieved from sales improved by 54 per 'cent to £138.7m and second-half growth of 81 per cent to £887,000 is set 1.25p to 1.34p.

per cent. On the market the shares closed at 14p, down a point.

Growth in all fields was in ternal. At home the timber agency division has taken advantage of the favourable situation in the international trade and the export division has in-creased substantially its worldwide overseas shipments. The international organization of the group has helped in this pro-cess of expansion. Total divi-dend is raised from an adjusted

Mr Blake leaves CSG

75p a share for the balance. medium-term This price values CS at £2.25m. the purchase. Mr D. Blake, chairman of CS, has resigned from the board following SGB's purchase of his holding and has waived a second

SGB has acquired a stake of and recommend shareholders to 56.5 per cent in Contractors' accept. SGB's advisers Klein-Services Group and is to offer wort Benson have arranged a medium-term loan to finance

> As chief executive of Brown Brothers & Albany Mr Blake came under fire earlier this year from another member of the



D. Dodd, Concentric: metals and plastic of difficult year.

Concentric recovery hangs fire

By Tony May
With the second half producing only £405,000, instead of
the £500,000 hoped for by the board, at half time, Concentric has dropped back from last year's record pre-tax profit of £1.06m to £613,500—about £708,000 had been expected. Mr

D. Dodd, the chairman com-ments that the second-half figure is as good as it is thanks to the metals and plastics divisions. The engineering side did not recover from the effects of the three-day week as quickly as had been expected.

Turnover is ahead from £14.3m to £16.7m, but trading profits went down from £1.08m to £726,000. Profits available for dividend, etc. have fallen from £647,000 to £276,000, and the dividend is cut from 2.73p to 2.39p gross. Earnings a share

come out at 1.81p, against 4.05p.
At half time, Mr Dodd said that pre-tax profits had shrunk from £570,000 to £208,000 be-cause of the lower level of actirities in industries supplied by the group, as well as the direct effects of the power and mine

Briefly

CLEMENT CLARKE
Turnover for half year, £1.79m
(£1.58m). Taxable profits. £202,000
(£224,000). Dividend is 1.12p (0.98p).

CLRP INVESTMENTS Taxable revenue, £429.000 (£308,000) for 1973-74. Earnings a share, 1.78p (1.43p). Dividend is 1.25p (1.09p). £429,000

SAFEGUARD INDS Pre-tax revenue £476,000 (£415,000) for 1973-74 and divi-dend is 16.11 per cent gross £13.71 per cent per cent) AIRFLOW STREAMLINES

Sales for half year £2.17m (£2.02m) and pre-tax profits £146,000 (£104,000). Dividend. 1.75p· (1.57p).

NEW THROGMORTON TRUST Net profit eased from E548,000 to 5404,000. Earnings a share 0.82p (1.07p).

LDN & PROVINCIAL SHOP The dividend is 1.26p gross for year to June 30 (against 1.5p for previous 15 months). On annualised basis this is a five per cent increase. This corrects yesterday's

CANADA CEMENT LAFARGE Sales increased 15 per cent in first nine months to \$C245.6m (£104.6m). Profits before extraitems were \$18.2m

Mr G. D. A. Klijnstra is to retire as chairman of Unilever NV and as vice-chairman of Unilever Ltd. He will also retire from both boards. His successor is Mr H. F. van den Hoven.

manager.

manager.

Mr T. J. Gilligan, managing director of Pimey Bowes, becomes vice-president of European operations. Other European appointments in a recent reorganization include Mr H. D. Fischer, director of business planning; Mr J. D. B. Kerby, director of marketing and Mr J. S. Meuser director of finance. Mr R. E. Williams becomes assistant managing director responsible for marketing and tor responsible for marketing and

Following the acquisition of the British Bank of Commerce by National and Grindlays, Mr J. M.

Dr Paul Cover has been appointed director-general of the staff department at the National Coal Board headquarters in London

Mr Roger Lapham, Jr, becomes chairman and managing director and Mr David Metcalfe deputy chairman of Rama Corporation. Mr James Goldsmith, Mr John Smith, Mr Louis Sherwood and Mr John Burton Tigrett have joined the board.

Chartered Shipbrokers.

Mr G. A. Rowley has been appointed chairman and managing director of Symonds Engineering.

Mr L. J. Riley joins the board.

Mr Scott Douthett has become managing director and chief executive officer of Glendinning Europe.

Mr John Hogarth joins the board of EMI Film Distributors as director of UK distribution. Mr Michael Bromhead becomes director of overseas distribution.

Mr A. Ross Belch, managing director of the Scott Lithgow Group, has been elected president of the Shipbuilders and Repairers National Association.

Mr Robert Boardman, managing director of Brintex Exhibitions has

National Association.

Mr Rohert Boardman, managing director of Brintex Exhibitions has been appointed chairman. Mr C. P. Garrett becomes managing director and chief executive. Newmembers of the management company board are Miss M. Barnes, Mr F. V. Harrison. Mr P. D. Mirrington, Mr J. C. W. Northover and Mr R. A. West.

Mr Jim Cupples has been made managing director, Mr Frank Bell, sales marketing director and Mr Trevor Egan a non-executive director of Robert H. Hall.

Mr Terence Robery has become a non-executive director of Robert H. Hall.

Mr Ference Robery has become a non-executive director of Forminster and is to be chairman.

Mr F. G. Bullimore, Mr C. D. Elliott, Mr E. G. Eve, Mr L. J. N. B. Jameson and Mr D. H. Wearing, formerly of Gull & Co., stockbrokers, will be associated with Walter, Walker & Co, as from November 11.

Mr Nigel Cutts has been made design director by Office Planning.

Stock markets

Rights issue speculation upsets the leaders

Latest dividends

Wemyss Ing (E1) Fin 9.23 7.5 20/12 13.4 14.4 B.S. & W. Whiteley (Z5p) Int 0.74 0.37 13/2 — 3.71 Wolstey-Hughes (Z5p) Fin 3.3 3.15 2/1 6.05 5.77 ↑ Adjusted for scrip. * Two payments. § Deferred. †† Cents a share.

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies.

opening of the market, with the industrial sections upset by Shell's trading results, and con-sumer stocks by predictions— soon proved correct—that Boots had not fared too well in the first half of the the year.

But a final blow came in the form of persistent rumours during the late afternoon that another major company was about to follow Commercial Union by raising money in the market by way of a rights issue. The rumours remained firmly placed in the land of conjecture, Company (and par values) Airflow Steamlines (25p) Alliance Inv (25p) Int C. H. Bailey (5p) Fin and some sources pointed out that any such move was unlikely ahead of Budget Day. The suc-cess of the Commercial Union Boots (25p) Int
Brit Borneo (10p) Int
Capper-Neill (10p) Int
Clement Clarke (25p) Int
Concentric (10p) Fin
Debenhams (25p) Int
Guardian Inv (25p) Int
Head Wrightson (25p) Int
Lyndale Eng (10p) Fin
Mitchell Cotts (25p) Fin
M.Y. Dart (10p) Fin rights-the shares become fully quoted yesterday and were quoted yesterday at 77p, a premium of 17p on the subscription price — undoubtedly sparked off the rumours.

However, the market gossip was strong enough to lower shares in ICI to a new low of 145p, later 146p, a net 5p off. Burmah Oil, another candidate, was already easier after Shell's figures, and closed 6p off at 148p. Lloyd's Bank, another favourite for the rumour mongers, slipped by 5p to 115p, and Grand Metropolitan at 29p and descriptions.

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Results for the third quarter # Includes extra payment.

with the margin progress upsetting some investors. Shell closed a net 1p off at 157p. Other oil shares were additionally unsettled by reports that Kuwait intended to continue pressing for higher oil prices. BP traded nervously at 272p.

In stores, selling of Boots commenced well ahead of the interim results, with the market month figures from Hoover, which did nothing to restore the

A combination of factors, ranging from the international to internal market scenes, understanded share prices vesterday.

Major stocks slid lower from the Major stocks slid lower from the margin progress upsets of the consumer section took the disappointing some investors. Shell closed

Debenhams, also reporting first half experience, dipped 4n to 31p and Marks & Spencer (118p). Gt Universal Stores A " (104p) also weakened. The

20/12

Merger not being referred to Monopolies Commission.

NORTHBOROUGH INVESTMENT

Acceptances of £6.5m offer for

Lye Trading now total 95 per cent of equity, and offer now unconditional.

Scheme for company to huy Houlder Brothers, Houlder Line

LMS-NEW RIVER

BRITISH STEEL-LYE

FURNESS WITHY

MAYNARDS

trading outcome as a warning of the future.

Year's Prev

0.14†

ther 5p. Losses of a few pence

common throughout the b

industrial sections. Courts (62p), Dunlop Hidgs (3 GKN (143p), Tube Investo (155p) and Hawker Sidd 178p) all closed lower. B ing and construction is turned down on Mr Hea straint on central and government spending. Čement (86p), Tarmac and Tunnel Cement (67p) all without supporters. Equity turnover on Novemi was £58m (17,291 barga Active stocks yesterday a ing to Exchange Teleg were ICI, Boots, Burmah O Universal Surs "A", Shell Goldfields, Australian Es "A", Bats. Marks & Sp.

and Slater Walker Securiti Gilts settled down after recent turbulence. The m was quite strong in the r ing, but prices tended to re in the afternoon. Profit-t may have been partly resible.

"Shorts" opened harder slipped from its best leve eventually close 1/16 harder. Interest centre Treasury 10} per cent which went ex-divi Longs " opened ! point h but were eventually

Volvo share prices are to be listed in Düsseldorf, Frankfurt

GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER All divisions have started year well but forecasting is difficult. Sales are particularly good in sea-side towns, although costs gener-ally are rising. Sales £571m for quarter ended September 30—up 16 per cent. Net profit for quarter up 80.7 per cent to £22.7m. Nine-month sales totallied £1,648.6m (£1,436.9m) and net profit £67.9m (£35.4m). ALPINE HOLDINGS

S.A. Townships (R1) Fin 40††
Sungel Besi (20p) Int 3.16
Util City Merchants (10p) Fin 0.48

Rand Mines (50c)

VOLVO QUOTATION

Pre-tax loss of £87,363 for 12 months to April 30, compared with profit of £54,693. Turnover, £852,652 (£1,626,719). No dividends (1.25p gross). Messrs A. Dyer, H. Singer and M. Stoller of Alpine have each sold 100,000 shares and their bene-ficial holdings are now 1.55m shares (15.51 per cent) in each

H J BALDWIN Report of this Hartley Baird sub-sidiary shows that shareholder's planned resolution not to reappoint Stanley Blythen as auditors will be

opposed by board. JAMES WARREN Board of Pelmadulia is considering offers from Company and will be in touch with shareholders soon. Meanwhile advice is to take по

YORKSBIRE TAKEOVER Monarch Machine Tool of Ohio, has acquired the capital of Dean Smith & Grace, of Keighley, Yorks,

manufacturers of centre lathes and founded in 1865. FARM FEED

As forecast no interim dividend but forecast that total will match last year's 5p. Profits of £62,000 (£91,000) pre-tax. RACAL ELECTRONICS
For about £200,000, company has
acquired BPL (Instruments).

and Alexander Shipping now approved and goes to court for sanction. HOWARD & WYNDHAM

For a cash sum not to exceed £65,000, group has acquired Wilson, Guthrie & Lang, Glasgow, a subsidiary of Gilmour & Dean Rolding. Holdings. AMBROSE INV

Interim pre-tax profits, £194,000 (£168,000). Net asset value a share, 23.13p (51.46p). Dividend, 1.51p (1.28p).

CONTINENTAL UNION

Pre-tax revenue for half year, £541,000 (£520,000). Net asset value a share, 57p (90p). Dividend, 0.84p (0.8p).

Further broking partnerships reorganized

The latest crop of dispartnerships and stock in mergers includes the spl up of Stock & Orme. Mes Orme and W. Haslam withdrawing from the pa ship and setting up as Or Co. Trading will start unde 24 name from December 9, s to consent from the C. of the Stock Exchange. while, the remaining pa will continue business und

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Sewell, D. Hoblyn, J. Wal Barnard, Mrs P. Book, G. I Shedden, W. Nicoll a Bayne will be joining Nor

INTERIM STATEMENT

Debenhams Limited

1.424p per share (amounting to £1,137,077) payable on 2nd January, 1975 to Shareholders on the Register on 22nd November, 1974. This dividend, with the related tax credit represents a gross dividend of 2.125p per share, or 8½%, equivalent to the two interim dividends paid in 1973.

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2. The results for the first 28 weeks in 1973 have been amended to include those relating to subsidiaries acquired during that period.

In pursuance of this policy, a stock reduction programme was initiated which involved heavy markdowns and therefore inevitably had an adverse effect on the profits for the first half year. However, as a result of its implementation and of other steps taken to improve liquidity, the group has ample resources

In recent weeks the benefits of a major cost reduction programme have begun to be apparent. Moreover, trading results have shown an improvement and satisfactory sales are now being achieved by the Stores where major rebuilding and refurbishment schemes have been completed, such as Debenhams (previously Marshall & Snelgrove) in Oxford Street and at Plymouth,

results of the Company's trading for the full financial year, but in the light of all stated above, decided to maintain the interim dividend at 8½%.

interim dividend. The CSG from another member of the board, advised by London & board for the price of more Yorkshire Trust, consider the than £6m paid for a 25 per cent offer to be fair and reasonable stake in Henlys. LMS rebound awaits 1975-76

Margins cut profitability in 1975-76 were held out to shareholders of London & Merchant Securities yesterday by Sir Max Rayne, chairman. Last year, pre-tax profits retreated from £6.46m to £5.61m and per-share earnings from Trading for the first five

2.5p to 0.95p. months of the year at Parker Timber has been at an increased level of turnover but at reduced margins, Mr K. Whitby writes. Speaking after the annual meeting, he noted that the agreed cash offer for the New River Co, if successful, would In part this is because of inadd some some £2.5m to the creased overhead costs, but in group's liquidity in a full year. spite of current difficulties the group is confident that given no market deterioration and a It also meant that LMS could include NR's income of about £425,000 in a full year instead stabilization of commodity prices of only net dividends of about £96,000 at present.

the current term will be success-Three similar situations applied, with the most impor-New capital expenditure last year was over £800,000, a tant being Carlton Industries further indication of the group's where LMS owns 73.6 per cent. modernization and improvemen Here, Carlton may raise its stake to 100 per cent in one or more of its offshoots to give LMS an **Aurora Holdings** overall 75 per cent. This would enable LMS to consolidate the The large increases in the

cost of materials and supply diffigures into its own accounts. ficulties, have led to large rises in stocks and debtors at Aurora MY Dart over (formerly Aurora Gear & Engineering) in spite of

£1m pre-tax Another buoyant return comes from M. Y. Dart, and for a fourth successive year there are

on the operations. But orders on record profits. hand remain high, and assuming In the year to June 30 profits that there is no serious rose 36 per cent to £1.05m out deterioration in the economy he looks forward to maintaining the current record profit level of turnover up from £4.2m to £5.1m. This producer of games and sports goods is raising its total dividend from 1.82p to 1.9p. Also, an interim payment of 0.24p is being paid on account

FITZROY INV
Having slumped from £288,000
to a mere £7.000 profit last time,
Mr D. Morgan fears another
difficult year. At June 30 the
stake of Messrs. E. Colman. G.
Colman. S. Colman and F. Windridge in aggregate and including
companies they control, was 31.4
per cent. for the current period.

The second half produced profits up from £454,000 to 627,000, a rate of growth slightly better than the opening 34.5 per cent. Earnings rose

from 4.14p to 4.76p a share. The board says the current period has started well and prospects will be dealt with in the annual review.

Sustained demand which has continued since year-end holds prospects for further growth in spite of cost increases, writes Mr J. Campbell Ritchie. Two takeover offers for Craig Tea

Two takeover offers have been received by Craig Tea Estates, whose quotation was cancelled in 1972. One of the offers may be recommended and shareholders are strongly advised by the board to ignore the other.

Crosby House Group, a sub-sidiary of Ceylon Tea Planta-tions, has proposed 35p a share (the par value is £1), putting a total worth on the company of some £42,500. This is being favourably considered by the Craig board. The second, from Dickwella (Holdings), was in the form of a direct approach selected regional revenue offices. The contract, for an undisclosed six-figure sum, is the largest ever secured by Datapost, the PO's high speed service for business customers. to members, at 19p a share, with various alternatives. This the board advises shareholders to reject.

Whiteley upsurge

With the proviso that out-side factors of the international economic scene could greatly influence the second-half, all seems set fair for another record year at B. S. & W. Whiteley. This Yorkshire-based maker of reports half-time pre-tax profits much more than doubled from \$97,000 to \$247,000 and the "net" increased from £46,000 to £119,000. The "attributable" moved from £46,000 to £103,000, while the interim dividend is up

House of Sears loss

from 0.37p to 0.74p.

Heavy losses in the second balf of its last term to June 30 plunged House of Sears into a profit margins. deficit of £166,000 pre-tax. The



Sir Max Rayne, chairman of London & Merchant Securities: New River offer, if successful, would add about £2.5m to LMS liquidity in a full year.

comparative profit was £38,500. There was a loss per share of 4.44p (against earnings of 0.81p), and the dividend is

passed again. But this maker of leisure garments says the current first quarter showed a recovery to

profitable trading. Share bargains sought by Hill Samuel Trust

Hill Samuel Unit Trust in-tends to take advantage of its cash reserves to buy shares at levels "which have not been seen for many years". Largely because of the interest received on the large proportion of the fund held in cash on deposit the interim distribution for the year to March 14 next goes up from 0.615p

Brit-Borneo Petrol

An interim payment up from 2.31p to 2.59p and profits before tax increased by £95,000 to £358,000 are reported by British-Borneo Petroleum Syn-

dicate. The company says the Stock Exchange value of its invest-ments, and those of its subsi-diaries, at September 30 stood at £5.05m, against £8.27m six months earlier.

M. Cotts Transport

Another record year has been enjoyed by the Mitchell Cotts Transport company, a 75 per cent controlled subsidiary of Mitchell Cotts Group. Pre-tax profits have risen from £727,000 to 5801,000, while on net profits up from £450,000 to £517,500, the dividend is being increased from 3.62p to 3.82p. Earnings a share come out at 7.72p, against

The board says that the doubling of the cold storage capacity of the West Kent Cold Storage company near Seven-oaks, will bring benefits progressively over the next 18

Macallan-Glenlivet

After reporting a peak458,000 pre-tax a month ago,
Macallar-Glenlivet, malt whisky
distillers, expects 1974-75 to be
one of high production. But Mr
G. C. Harbinson, chairman, gives a warning in his annual statement that the financial progress which should result from this will probably be restricted by the reduction in percentage

net current assets declined last year from £902,000 to £569,000, with the bank overdraft up from £23,000 to £376,000 and creditors from £10,000 to £314,000. Debtors at the same time rose from £275,000 to £594,000 and stock £595,000 to £857,000.

Lyndale hots up opening pace

Things were bounding along t Lyndale Engineering after six months when profits already exceeded fourfold the comparable longer period. This situation worked through to June 30 with pre-tax profits for the year surging almost fivefold from £101,000 to £485,000. Turn SUCCESSOT ON

over advanced from £2.07m to £5.35m.
The "net", after extraordinary items (nil against £36,000), was £211,000 compared with £21,000. Earnings per share come out at 5.28p against 1.92p.
Meanwhile the year's payment is increased from 1.5p to

Park Yorkshire

offer result The takeover bid by Lubok Invesements for up to 1.19m ordinary of Park Yorkshire Holdings has been accepted by holders of some 447,000 shares. The offer has now closed, with Lubok owning some 847,000 shares, about 26.7 per cent.
As already known, Mr Jim Slater will become chairman of Park Yorkshire, with two other Lubok directors appointed to the board. Mr Thomas Kenny, chairman of Grimshawe Hold-ings (which last month sold about half its stake—12.6 per

Lubok)

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Problems continue

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for Selebi Pikwe Botswana RST's 85 per cent owned Selebi-Pikwe nickel and copper project is continuing to meet severe and expensive technical problems. The costs are being borne by the major shareholders, Amax, Anglo American and Charter Consolidated and

their associate Because of this expenditure, it has been decided to shelve the proposed soda ash and salt project. Makgadikgadi Soda, until Selebi-Pikwe's problems have been solved and productargets substantially achieved.

Sungei Besi earns and pays more

Sungei Besi Mines, the Selangor tin producer, has seen its net profits for the six months to end September soar from £104,000 to £360,000. And share-holders will receive the maximum permissible increase in dividends with a payment of dividends with a payment of 3.16p gross (2.14p).

RMP profits double

Pre-tax profits of Rand lines Properties virtually Mines Properties or Rand doubled last year—from R1.73m to R3.43m—while earnings advanced from 13c to 26.1c a share. Turnover rose from R10.6m to R25.8m thanks largely to the higher gold price and to the acquisition of the Thesen timber business. ABERCORN GEN INV

Taxable profit last time £276,000 (£261,000). Earnings 4.26p (6.54p) JAS WALKER GOLDSMITH A record Christmas is seen and . The balance sheet shows that board is optimistic about 1975.

Business appointments Mr Klijnstra's

Unilever boards

Mr B. J. Pinnan, an assistant general manager of Lloyds Bank, has been appointed a joint general

G. Andrews, chief executive of Brandr's, has been appointed chair-man of British Bank of Commerce. Mr R. F. Baum, a director of Brandt's, also joins the board.

Mr John Peyton, Conservative MP for Yeovil, is to become chair-man of Texas Instruments.

Mr L. H. Hoare has been elected president of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers.

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In view of the deteriorating economic conditions at the beginning of the year, the Board decided that the maintenance of a good liquidity position was of primary importance.

half year period in 1973.

available to meet its foreseeable requirements. The sale and leaseback of the Company's headquarters building at 1/2 Welbeck Street, for over £6 m., has already been announced and further negotiations are being pursued with a view to reducing still further the Company's short term indebtedness.

Southampton, Bournemouth and Oxford. It is not practicable in current conditions to make a reliable forecast of the the information which is at present available to them, the Directors have, as

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Commodities

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Japanese copper smelters' plea for government aid

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Japan's copper exports had been Japan's copper exports had been severely restricted, but last Februseeverly restricted by United States delegates to the Wimpfen and Mr Alvin Knoerr, of the United States Bureau of Mines,

ary the trade ministry sanctioned sales abroad again to reduce the copper surplus at home caused by the domestic business alump. Ine domestic outriess alump.
Industry sources said last month
that Japan was expected to have
a surplus of over 400,000 tonnes
of copper in the current financial
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year.

The ministry has revealed that Japan exported between 260,000 and 270,000 tonnes of electrolytic copper to Europe and the United States between February and October this year, when the ban came into force.

According to the ministry, Mr Mobutu Seso Seko, Zaire's president recently expressed his dissatisfaction at the buge Japanese

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The ministry's ban followed mounting criticism from copper-producing countries that Japanese exports when he met the touring Japanese foreign minister. Mr Toshio Kimura, in Kinshasa. Industry sources here said it was true that Japanese exports had caused a drop in prices on the world copper market, but this was not the only factor in the market's recemt decline.

Japan's sales abroad had attracted notice because Japan had previously been one of the world's major importers of copper.

Lima, Peru, The, world has enough copper reserves to meet demand after the year 2,000, according to a report submitted by

windled States Bureau of Mines, estimates the world's known copper reserves at 393 million tonnes and says they are adequate for another 60 years.

"The so-called copper crisis is only a question of price fluctuations," Professor Wimpfen told Reuter. "We don't foresee a shortage of copper in the future." According to the report, developing nations own 45.8 per cent of the world copper reserves. The United States and Western European industrialized nations have 27.8 per cent, while the socialist block's percentage is 12.8. Another 12.8 per cent belong to Australia, Canada, Israel, New Zealand and South Africa. China is said to own 0.8 per cent.—Reuter.

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Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

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Foreign Exchange

Dollar again weak

Foreign exchanges had quite a busy day yesterday, with the main eature again the weakness of the dollar. It lost ground against all the major Continental currencies, but particularly against the Swiss-franc and the denische mark.

The market was unsettled by the large Democratic wins in the Con-gressional elections.

The pound moved with the dollar. It was finally 5 points down on the day, closing at \$2,3470, but in active trading conditions the

Discount market

and what could possibly be done to bring the price down", he added. —Reuter. Money Market

rate had fluctuated from \$2.3520 to \$2.3455 in the morning.

There was some profit-taking in gold which closed at \$178\$, down \$1 on the day. The metal price has still not touched its all-time

peak and, although there were quotations above \$180, neither the

Washington.—The Council on Wage and Price Stability has set November 25 as the date for its hearings on increases in the price of sugar, council director Mr Albert Rees said.

"The price of sugar has tripled over the last year and we are interested in finding out what factors have caused this increase and what could possibly be done to

morning nor afternoon fixing at or above this level.

Sugar price hearings

Rates Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11¹/5 (Last changed 20 9.74) Clearing Banks Base Rate 12/5 Discount Mit Londoff, Overlight: Open 7 Neek Fixed 10¹/2 11. Treasury Bills (Disce)

The Bank of England yesterday intervened to offset a large shortage in the discount market by buying Treasury bills from discount houses and banks and municipal authority bills from houses, market sources said.

Apart from the Bank's assistance, the only other factor apparently pumping money into the market was an inflow of notes. Funds were drained from the system by a net take-up of Treasury Bills, an excess of Exchequer receipts over Government disbursements, and settlements of official sales of giltedged stock, the sources added. edged stock, the sources added.
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Share Indices

Wall Street

New York, Nov 7 .- Wall Street prices moved moderately higher early today. At noon the Dow Jones industrial average was 3.20 up at 672.32.

Yesterday the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 5.63 to 669.12. Volume totalled 23,930,000 compared with 15,960,000 on

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RAND SELECTION CORPORATION LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa) DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND NO. 115

Notice is hereby given that dividend No. 115 of 40 cents a share (1973: 35 cents) heing the final dividend for the year ended 30th September, 1974, has been declared being the final dividend for the year ended 30th September, 1974, has been declared business on 22nd November, 1974, and to persons presenting coupon No. 118 detached business on 22nd November, 1974, and to persons presenting coupon No. 18 detached from share warrants to bearer. This dividend, together with the interim dividend of 30 cents a share declared on 29th May, 1974 makes a total of 70 cents a share for the year cents a share declared on 29th May, 1974 makes a total of 70 cents a share for the year (1973: 52.5 cents). A notice regarding payment of dividends on coupon No. 118 detached from share warrants to bearer will be published in the press by the London secretaries of the corporation on or about 15th November, 1974.

The transfer registers and registers of members will be closed from 23rd November to 6th December, 1974, both days inclusive, and warrants will be posted from the Johannesburg and United Kingdom offices of the transfer secretaries on or about 19th December, 1974. Registered shareholders paid from the United Kingdom will receive the United Kingdom currency equivalent on 10th December, 1974 of the rand value of their dividends, (less appropriate taxes). Any such shareholders may, however, elect to be paid in South African currency, provided that the request is received at the offices of the corporation's transfer secretaries in Johannesburg or in the United Vinted V

offices of the corporation's transfer secretaries in Johannesburg or in the United Kingdom on or before 22nd November, 1974.

The effective rate of non-resident shareholders' tax is 14.7495 per cent.

The dividend is payable subject to conditions which can be inspected at the head and London offices of the corporation and also at the offices of the corporation's transfer secretaries in Johannachurg and the William William Conduction of the corporation's transfer secretaries in Johannachurg and the William Conduction of the corporation's transfer secretaries in Johannachurg and the William Conduction of the corporation's transfer secretaries in Johannachurg and the William Conduction of the corporation's transfer secretaries in Johannachurg and the William Conduction of the corporation's transfer secretaries in Johannachurg and the William Conduction of the corporation and also at the offices of the corporation's transfer secretaries in Johannachurg and the William Conduction of the corporation and also at the offices of the corporation's transfer secretaries in Johannachurg and the Conduction of the corporation and also at the offices of the corporation's transfer secretaries in Johannachurg and the Conduction of the corporation and also at the offices of the corporation's transfer secretaries in Johannachurg and the William Conduction of the corporation and also at the corporation and also at the corporation and conduction of the corporation of the corporation and conduction of the corporation and conduction of the corporation of the corporation and conduction of the corporation of the corporation of the corporation of the corporation and conduction of the corporation of the corporat

secretaries in Johannesburg and the United Kingdom.
Subject to final audit, the abridged consolidated income statement of the corporation and its subsidiaries for the year ended 30th September, 1974 and the abridged consolidated balance sheet at that date, are as follows:

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

-	1974 R000's	1973 R000's
Investment income	49 412	32 488
Net operating income: Finance	906	2 427
Property, interest and other sources	2 899 3 805	2 427
Surplus on realisation of investments	1 212 54 429	2 184 37 099
Deduct: Administration expenses	1 933	1 338
Interest paid Prospecting	6 714	5 859 1 532
Provision against loans Provision against investment and amounts written	500	315
off investments	1 155 12 007	1 590 10 554
Taxation and deferred taxation	42 422	26 465
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Add: Surplus, after providing for taxation, attributable to:	11 303	
Life assurance Banking	2 759 1 121	
	3 880	
Profit after taxation Deduct: Minority interest	45 545 17635	26 134 231
Group profit attributable to Rand Selection Corporation Limited	43 910	25 903
Deduct: Appropriations	10.225	[]
Dividend No. 114 of 30 cents per share Dividend No. 115 of 40 cents per share	10 335 16 678	5 957 11 916
Total dividends of 70 cents per share (1973: 52) cents per share)	27 013	17 873
Transfer to reserves	11 598 38 611	7 473 25 346
	5 299	23 340 557
Unappropriated profit—30th September, 1973 Adjustment thereto arising from changes in	3 967	3 358
currency exchange rates	4 042	52 3 410
Unappropriated profit—30th September, 1974	9 341	3 967
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SE	EET	
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Issued share capital Share premium Non distributable reserve	20 848 210 846	17 023 109 700
Distributable reserves	785 95 974	778 78 913
Loan capital Minority shareholders' interest in subsidiary	328 453 66 148	206 414 62 694
. companies	31 848	2 155
Insurance funds Provision for deferred taxation Loans:	294 105 1 340	808
Secured	24 541 1 142	<u> </u>
Subsidiary company not consolidated	440 29 555	1 = 1
Banking customers' current, deposit and other	55 678	
accounts including reserve for contingencies Creditors:	302 965	-
Shareholders for dividendOther	16 678 41 996	11 916 8 386
Acceptances and guarantees	58 674 69 431	20 302
	1 208 642	292 373
Represented by: Investments (Refer note 2 below)		
Securities : Listed Market value R784 310 000 (1973 : R689 482 000)	100 022	472.000
Unlisted	188 033 80 676	173 063 74 989
Life assurance	268 709 323 400	248 052 —
Banking Subsidiary company not consolidated Land and property	46 359 13 073 9 297	=
Mortgage and other loans less provisions	28 102	17 102
Premises, mineral rights and equipment Excess of written down cost of shares in subsidiary	688 940 14 176	265 154 5 158
companies over book value of net assets at the dates of acquisition—banking and insurance		
subsidiaries (without allowing for any deduc- tion of undisclosed reserves and unallocated		
surpluses from the excess cost)	67 789 25 720	3 708
Leased assets	93 509 12 531	3 708
Banking advances and instalment debtors less deferred income	252 735	2 156
Debtors and cash: Cash on fixed deposit and at call	41 580	6 662
Debtors, outstanding premiums and deferred charges	35 740	9 535
Liabilities of customers for acceptances and	77 320 69 431	16 197
guarantees	1 208 642	292 373
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NOTES:

1. Schlesinger Insurance and Institutional Holdings Limited (SII) became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rand Selection Corporation Limited on 1st April, 1974. On that date SII held approximately 55 per cent of Western Bank Limited (Wesbank), 75 per cent of African Eagle Life Assurance Society Limited, 74 per cent of Premier Finance Corporation (Pty) Limited (PFC), 42 per cent of Sorec Limited (Sorec), 40 per cent of Metals and Minerals Investment Corporation Limited (Metamin) and approximately 55 per cent of Schlesinger European Investments Limited (SEI). On 1st July, 1974, the group acquired a further 14 per cent interest in Wesbank, the remaining 26 per cent interest in PFC (now a wholly-owned subsidiary of SII), a 100 per cent interest in Townsview Estates (Pty) Limited, a further 5 per cent in Sorec and 9 per cent in Metamin. At 30th September, 1974 SII still held approximately 55 per cent of SEI, but as it is anticipated that, following a reorganisation of SEI's capital structure, the interest of the SII group will be reduced to approximately 36 per cent of SEI, SEI has not been consolidated at 30th September, 1974.

has not been consolidated at 30th September, 1974.

The attributable earnings of these new controlled subsidiary companies (excluding SEI) since the dates they became subsidiaries have been included in the group profit. Earnings per share, adjusted to reflect that profits from the new subsidiary companies were received for only a portion of the year, amounted to 113.6 cents (1973:

2. Investments held by the life assurance and banking subsidiaries have been valued in accordance with the practice of life assurance and banking companies. Any net difference between market values and such values of listed securities is not

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London & County is worse off than ever **_£15m** first-half loss

By Our Financial Staff

An interim report to depositors in London & County L.L. collapsed almost a year ago, shows that it lost some £15m in the first six months of the

current year. London & County, of which the Bank of England and First National Finance are joint owners, has been receiving substantial support from the Bank of England's rescue machinery set up when crisis engulfed the secondary banking sector.

As well as this, a rescue consortium composed of Keyser Ullmann, Eagle Star, First National and United Drapery Stores—many of whose customers became depositors with

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London & County through its chain of in-store banking departments—put up some £20m between them, the whole of which has now been written off in the accounts of the individual consortium members.

This, and the deterioration revealed in the interim report, which contains further provisions of £17m against advances and investments following the collapse in stock market and property values, demonstrates that the position, both for London & County as well as the other "fringe" banks receiving support, is far more serious than anticipated at first.

London & County state that further, unquantified losses might be incurred which have not yet been provided for.

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Overseas

Hesse bank overhaul

Frankfurt, Nov 7.-The Ländesbank of Hesse (Helaba) will make a series of constitutional changes from January 1 to divide more clearly administrative and executive functions and to bring in more management expertise.

These plans follow the resignation of its former president, Wilhelm Hankel, last December, write-offs in 1973 estimated at about DM800m (about £133m), and Helaba's withdrawal from the Geneva Banque de Credit Inter-Banque de Credit inter-nationale.

The management board, com-

prising equal representation from the State of Hesse, savings bank association and employees, will be chaired for alternating two-year terms by the State's Finance Minister and a savings' bank representative.—Reuter.

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Krupp sees steel

market easing Krupp, the German steel works, sees future prospects as unfavourable, with a declining sales volume, higher material

costs and increased wage bills, reports Reuter from Bochum.

However, the interim report said its profits position in the first nine months of this year developed favourably.

The company said that sales budgets of the major German steel processors indicate that no upturn in domestic demand can be expected short-term. Export demand is falling to more nor-mal levels with a downturn in incoming orders expected in the fourth quarter. Krupp will reduce production correspondingly in the coming months in some rolled-steel plants.

TOYOTA MOTOR Interim profit after tax 5,819m yen (6,379m) on sales of 783,200m yen (718,500m).

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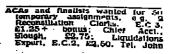
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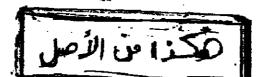
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The figures most favourable to first-time buyers he had seen on the subject from a building society, he said, had shown that 55 per cent of successful applicants by number had been first-time buyers, leaving 45 per cent who already had a house.

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afford to find the new property before he arranged to

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"In those days, if you postponed the sale of the

your buyer before you your commitments self buy, then you may find yourself saddled with two properties, and hard put to find either the buyer or the believe the tales of gloom,

price you want."

No movement in house prices, either up or down, could be foreseen in the next three months, he said. This time of the year was even in normal times the dead period for home-buying and selling. Yet today was not "normal times". There was the Budger on Tuesday, and believe the tales of gloom, would now be to go to a capy you are quite clear not only about what you want in your next home but also in what you may get for your present one, then it is possible to say £20,000—£5,000 shy of standards and the asset that your home represents.

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"What I would say today", he counselled, "is to find your buyer before you commit yourself to the new one". Two years or so ago, he said, the owner of a home who was on the quest of another could ing him to borrow £12,000 to homeowners. Both had bought homes for £10,000 before the boom in house mitment that could be borne within the confines of his

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On the other hand, the former neighbours £25,000 house—which night be the very one that example number two is planning to buywould now fetch only £22,000 or £22,500, in which case the two reductions, one in selling and the other in buying, then cancel out.

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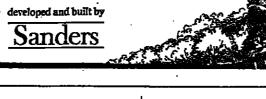
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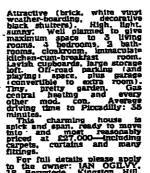
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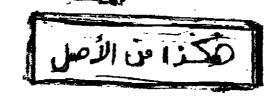
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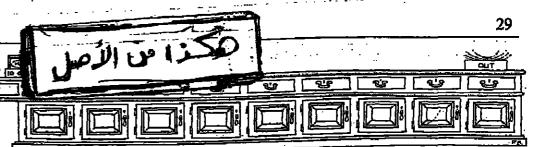
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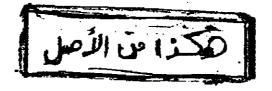
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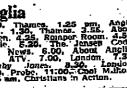
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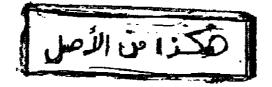
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